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To all the companies and ambassadors who participated in BAW 2014—Thank You!

REDI For You!

April Wise Words

"As sure as the spring will follow the winter, prosperity and economic growth will follow recession."

--Bo Bennett
Businessman and Author

WORD AROUND THE CITY

REDI Appreciates Rockville Businesses!

During the week of March 10-14, REDI board members and staff, along with the Rockville Mayor and members of the City Council, Rockville Chamber of Commerce board members and senior city staff visited with the leadership of 51 diverse Rockville companies as part of the 9th annual Rockville "Business Appreciation Week", (BAW).

During a wrap-up breakfast held March 21 at The Glenview Mansion, many local business leaders mingled with many of the ambassadors who visited companies throughout the week and local elected officials.

At the breakfast, featured speaker, Kaplan University’s Director of Business Development, Steve Shinham, stressed the importance of the link between education and economic development emphasizing that it takes a commitment to working together to make the relationship between the two successful. Mr. Shinham also noted that out of all their learning centers, Kaplan’s Rockville location has experienced the fastest growth and has had tremendous success in placing graduates in jobs in the community.
Some of the industries visited by the 32 Rockville "ambassadors" included the Technology, Financial, Professional Services, Retail, Construction and Hospitality sectors. Of those businesses responding to REDI’s survey during BAW, 88 percent said a Rockville location enhances their business; 92 percent reported hiring at least one employee in the past year and 77 percent reported an increase in revenue.

Laurie Boyer, Executive Director of REDI, stated that overall, Rockville businesses appear to be on the uptick in terms of growth and profitability and companies have a positive outlook for the year ahead.

Big thanks to all the companies and ambassadors who participated this year!

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**LATEST ROCKVILLE NEWS**

**Emmes Corp. Awarded Contract by BARDA**

Rockville's own Emmes Corporation was awarded a contract working on a clinical studies network by BARDA, the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority. BARDA is developing medical countermeasures against agents of bio terrorism, pandemic influenza and other public health threats. The two-year contract has a ceiling of $100 million. Emmes was one of only 5 companies selected to compete for services under the contract. Read the press release.

**RegeneRx Receives $1.35 from G-TreeBNT**

Rockville based RegeneRX Biopharmaceuticals, Inc announced that it has received the initial $1.35 million payment pursuant to its product license and securities purchase agreement with G-treeBNT Co., Ltd headquartered in Korea. They are set to develop RGN-259, a preservative-free eye drop product candidate in Asia. For more information, click here for the press release.

**Small Business Awards Coming Soon!**

The 2nd Annual Montgomery County Small Business Awards is coming in May, but the time to nominate our own Rockville Small Businesses is now. Here are the nomination guidelines.

Here is the nomination form.

The ceremony is May 9, but the deadline for nominees is April 9!
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