University of West Georgia to aid small businesses

By Neighbor Staff

The University of West Georgia, along with the Carroll County Economic Development Foundation and the UWG Small Business Development Center, is creating the Resource for Innovation, Small business and Entrepreneurship program to help entrepreneurs in Douglas, Carroll, Coweta, Haralson, Heard and Polk counties.

The RISE Web site will become an online “incubator village” to offer counseling, resource information exchange, distance learning opportunities and other information for local business owners.

RISE will hold three small-business forums throughout the year, as well as provide online training. An estimated 2,500 small businesses in west Georgia will benefit from the RISE program's virtual village.

A celebration of the RISE program announcement was to take place at an Entrepreneur Excellence Banquet on Monday, Sept. 13, on the UWG campus, including a panel discussion with Allen Nance, founder and president of the Mansell Group; W. Cliff Oxford, founder and chief executive officer of Entrepreneur Advisors; Christa Pitts, chief operating officer of Creatively Classic Activities and Books; and Bob Stone, founder and chairman of Systems & Methods Inc.

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