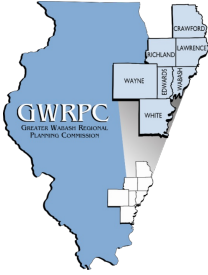


September 2020 Newsletter



Greater Wabash Regional Planning Commission

Serving Crawford, Edwards, Lawrence, Richland, Wabash, Wayne, and White counties in Southeastern Illinois

GATA Pre-Award Preparation Webinar

The Illinois Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at Southeastern Illinois College is hosting a webinar Monday, September 14th at 3:00 p.m. to discuss Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA).

The GATA Pre-Award preparation session will help you prepare to quickly act on Notice Of Funding Opportunities. In the session, they will cover a list of prerequisites to prepare for registration to be able to submit a grant application to the state of Illinois. They will also discuss the process of the needed risk assessments before the issuance of a state award.

Below are the five grantee pre-award requirements for the GATA:

1. Authentication
2. Grantee Registration
3. Grantee Pre-qualification
4. Fiscal and Administrative Risk Assessment (ICQ)
5. Programmatic Risk Assessment

To register for the webinar, [*click here*](#).

Strong Towns Principles Webinar

The Delta Leadership Network Illinois and Ameren Illinois are hosting a free webinar discussing Towns Principles and a Strong Towns Response to the Pandemic Webinar. Charles Marohn, CEO and Founder of Strong Towns, is presenting. The webinar is Friday, September 18th, via Zoom from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

This event is open to any local leaders that are looking to better their community and region. Mr. Marohn has a no nonsense approach to financial management for communities and its leaders. If you are interested in attending the webinar, please visit <http://www.strongtownsillinois.org/> to register!

Illinois Certification Workshop: Business Enterprise Program

The Illinois Department of Central Management Services (CMS) and the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) are collaborating to provide assistance with the certification process and information on the benefits and advantages of becoming Business Enterprise Program (BEP) certified. There will be two workshops in the upcoming weeks.

First webinar: Sept. 28th at 3:00 p.m. To register [click here](#).
Second webinar: October 5th at 3:00 p.m. To register [click here](#).

USDA Interest Rates

USDA Rural Development interest rates are at an all time low. If your community is interested in community facility improvements or water and sewer improvements now would be time to apply for some possible financing.

For community facility loan information, [click here](#).
For water and waste disposal loan and grant information, [click here](#).

If you have a project in mind please email our Community Development Coordinator, Heather Neuman at heather@gwrpc.com or call (618)445-3612