

September 15, 2008

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to a roundtable discussion and breakfast presented by the Institute for Entrepreneurial Studies and Development and our local Small Business & Technology Development Center. The roundtable discussion will be held at the University of Central Missouri, Elliott Union, Room 237B, on October 21, 2008 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

What is Angel Financing? Mr. James A. Devine, one of the founding members of the newly formed Show Me Angels group in Lee's Summit, MO will lead the presentation. A team from Show Me Angels, including some of the other founders, will be on hand as part of the presentation as well. Mr. Devine has received national recognition and has been awarded the economic development profession's highest possible award, the Edward deLuca Lifetime Achievement Award. Attached is Mr. Devine's biography.

If you are interested in applying for angel financing, have a client in need of angel financing or have a desire to become a certified angel investor, this is a meeting you should not miss.

Information on Show Me Angels may be found at www.showmeangels.com.

In order for us to better assist you with the economic improvement of your business customers; it is imperative for us to be able to understand your needs. We are able to assist with the support and services to help businesses succeed, grow, and prosper. In order for this to happen, we would like to ask that you attend this session and provide feedback so that we may better serve your clients and constituents. Participants that have attended have asked us to continue these events and have found them to be informative and valuable.

The agenda for the meeting is networking from 8:00 - 8:30 a.m. with breakfast at 8:30 and Mr. Devine's presentation following. **Please call us at 660-543-4402 or register on line at www.ucmo.edu/sbtcd to make your reservation so that we can order the correct number of meals.**

Sincerely,



Mark Manley
Interim Director
Institute for Entrepreneurial Studies & Development

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BIOGRAPHY
JAMES A DEVINE CED, FM, HLM

With over 30 years of experience as a consultant or chief executive, Jim Devine has worked for cities, counties, states, chambers of commerce, management consulting, and real estate research firms in 22 states in the U.S.A. Jim has received national recognition and awards for innovative economic and community development programs. In 2004 , he received the economic development profession's highest possible award: the Edward deLuca Lifetime Achievement Award. Jim is a past chairman (1999-2000) and current member of the Board of Directors of the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) , the largest economic development professional organization in the world with over 4000 members. In 2002, he received the Missouri Governor's Award as Economic Development Marketer of the Year. He is also author of the award winning article, "Observations on Doing Business With Japan", guest editor of the *Economic Development Review's* groundbreaking issue on "Retailing and Economic Development", and recipient of the prestigious Arthur D. Little Award for Management Excellence for his *S.I.M.P.L.E* Speculative Building Program. He is a Certified Economic Developer (CED), a Fellow Member (FM) and Honorary Life Member (HLM) of IEDC. Jim has managed: multi-million dollar marketing and public relations campaigns in the United States and Europe; industrial parks, labor force studies, foreign trade zones; enterprise zones; downtown redevelopment programs; and, as a consultant, strategic plans for communities throughout the west.

Jim is a Ford Foundation Scholar, holds a Masters in Public Administration from Syracuse University's Maxwell School of Public Administration, and has an undergraduate degree *cum laude* from Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut. He is a graduate of the Japan Business Institute, Tokyo, Japan; the Economic Development Institute, Norman, Oklahoma; and the Institute for Participatory Management and Planning, Monterey, California.

Jim's wife, Rev. Elayne Demetreon, graduated from Lee's Summit High School, is a Unity Ordained Minister, a clinical psychological counselor and accomplished sculptor.

Prior to becoming President/CEO of Lee's Summit Economic Development Council in June 1999, Jim was Director of Economic Development for Glendale, Arizona, Managing Associate of Coopers and Lybrand's Economics Practices, Director of the Greater Colorado Springs Economic Development Council and Director of Public Affairs of the Maryland Department of Economic Development