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Rep. Ford to Host Seminar Highlighting Funding and Contracts Available for Small Businesses

CHICAGO, IL – To help small businesses become more aware of funding and contracts available to them, state Rep. La Shawn K. Ford (D-Chicago), Chairman of the House Small Business Empowerment and Workforce Development Committee, is partnering with the Chicagoland Foreign Investment Group (CFIG) and a number of state agencies and business advocates to host a seminar and networking event on Saturday, Dec. 17.

“What makes this event different from the typical business or networking seminar is that we will have presentations on new funding opportunities that most are not aware of, including the new Advantage Illinois program, which could be a great benefit to many local businesses,” Ford said. “Small businesses create jobs, make their communities more vibrant, and are a major force in improving our economy, and small business issues must remain at the forefront of public discussion,” said Ford.

The Chicagoland Foreign Investment Group is an immigrant investor program that gives foreign nationals the chance to become permanent residents through strategic and beneficial investments in American companies.

“CFIG is one of the few investment groups that is actively investing in early-stage companies and projects that have economic development aspects and significant job creation elements to them,” said Nader Kameli, Chief Operating Officer of CFIG. “Unlike seed investors and angel investors, once we take on a project, we fully fund them and help them in any way they need to become a successful and sustainable business. To date, we have brought more than \$70 million of investments to our region and are happy to build a public-private relationship with Rep. Ford, and we hope more elected officials will provide this opportunity to their constituents.”

For more information, please call Ford’s constituent service office at (773) 378-5902.

What: Free Seminar on Funding Opportunities and Contracts for Small Businesses

Who: State Representative La Shawn K. Ford
Chicagoland Foreign Investment Group
Representatives from state agencies
Illinois Chamber of Commerce and local chambers of commerce
U.S. Small Business Administration

When: Saturday, Dec. 17, 2011
8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. (8:00 a.m. light breakfast)

Where: 111 E. Wacker, 26th Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60601