

## Fostering Entrepreneurship in Rural Ontario

*Exploring new and existing approaches for the enhanced support of our rural entrepreneurs*

Tuesday, June 19, 2007

Springfield Golf & Country Club • Guelph • Ontario

### AGENDA

- 8:30 a.m. Registration**
- 9:00 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks**
- Harold Flaming, Executive Director, TORC
- 9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Kentucky Rural Entrepreneurship Coaches Institute Program**
- Larry Jones, Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Kentucky / Program Coordinator, Philip Morris Agricultural Leadership Program
  - David Freshwater, Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Kentucky
  - Rural Entrepreneurship Coaches Program participants
- 10:30 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. Refreshment Break**
- 10:50 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Rural Entrepreneurship Program Support in Ontario**
- Federal Government Support
    - Diana Jedig, Executive Director, Ontario Association of Community Futures Development Corporations, St. Thomas (ON)
  - Provincial Support
    - Ministry of Small Business & Entrepreneurship
  - Enterprise Centres
    - Judi Riddolls, Executive Director, Guelph Business Enterprise Centre, Guelph (ON)
  - Community EFFORT
    - Jen Heneberry, Program Coordinator, Ontario Cooperative Association – Community EFFORT (Enterprise Facilitation Fusing Opportunities, Resources and Talent) Guelph (ON)
- 12:00 – 12:30 p.m. De-Brief - Key Learnings**
- 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Lunch**
- 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Rural Entrepreneurship Roundtable Discussion & Report Back**
- Facilitated roundtable discussion
- 3:30 p.m. Wrap Up**

