SBA's Judith Roussel Visits Champaign

Judith A. Roussel, Illinois Director for the US Small Business Administration, was the featured speaker at the Champaign Chamber of Commerce’s breakfast meeting on May 8. Hosted by Chamber COO Laura Weis, the breakfast attracted 125 people. Ms. Roussel discussed what the SBA is doing to improve and streamline services while advocating the Administration’s initiatives for strengthening small business opportunities. These include legislating tax incentives to spur entrepreneurship, repealing the “death tax” to enable businesses to be handed from one generation to the next, and improving access to health care for small companies. She recognized Jerry Furby of National City Bank for his work. National City is the second largest SBA lending organization in Illinois, behind BankOne. Additionally, Ms. Roussel noted that the SBA is celebrating 50 years of service to America and urged those in attendance to participate in the 50th Anniversary Matchmaker and luncheon events in Chicago June 17-19. The Matchmaker will give small businesses access to large purchasing organizations, which meet one-on-one with small business providers. The Matchmaker is scheduled for June 17-18 at the McCormick Place Hyatt and the Annual Illinois Small Business Week Awards Luncheon follows on June 19. See [http://www.sba.gov/il/](http://www.sba.gov/il/) for more details. The Illinois Coalition is assisting the SBA in its celebration of the 50th Anniversary by identifying venues, organizing attendees and assisting with arrangements.

House Bill Creates Stir in Technology Community

A bill that has passed the Illinois House and moved on to the Senate would amend the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure to prohibit the entry of protective orders or judgments in litigation that would have “the purpose or effect of concealing a public hazard or any information concerning it,” or would have “the purpose or effect of concealing information that might be useful to members of the public in protecting themselves from injury that may result from the public hazard.” Public hazard is defined as “an instrumentality, including but not limited to a device, an instrument, a procedure, a product, or a condition of a device, an instrument, a procedure, or a product, that has caused and is likely to cause injury.” The bill also gives standing to “any substantially affected person, including but not limited to representatives of news media,” to contest any order, judgment or contact that violates the new section. The bill, HB 1191, has significant support from the Illinois House, yet has been opposed by several local business and technology groups, including the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, the Chicago Software Association, and iBio. To view the bill, please visit: [http://www.legis.state.il.us/legislation/BillStatus.asp?DocNum=1191&GAID=3&DocTypeID=HB&LegId=1753&SessionID=3](http://www.legis.state.il.us/legislation/BillStatus.asp?DocNum=1191&GAID=3&DocTypeID=HB&LegId=1753&SessionID=3).

Renewable Energy Workshop in June

The Illinois Coalition is proud to support the annual Renewable Energy Workshop on June 19 – 20, 2003 at the Illinois Institute of Technology’s Perlestein Hall Auditorium in Chicago. In the summer of 2001, IIT organized its first Chicago/Midwest Renewable Energy Workshop, and each year the workshop has continued to bring together people from industry, government, academic, and not-for-profit sectors. The workshop’s goals are to review and showcase Illinois/Midwest renewable energy activities and industries; discuss and formulate strategies to overcome the barriers facing renewable energies; and position the Chicago/Midwest area as the epicenter for the development of clean energy technologies. The Illinois Coalition’s Chris Tynan is among the presenters at this event. For more information and to register, please visit: [www.iitcare.org](http://www.iitcare.org).

Nanotechnology Industry Event in Champaign a Success

Congrats to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) on a fantastic event, bringing together leaders in nanotechnology throughout the campus and across Illinois industry. Kraft, Caterpillar, General Electric, and DuPont were among the industry presenters. The event, hosted by UIUC’s Center for Nanoscale Science & Technology, also showcased the promise of emerging nanotechnology business with presentations from three of UIUC’s start-ups: NanoSi, NanoDisc and ChemSensing. Also among the presenters was AtomWorks’ Sean Murdock, speaking on nanotechnology leadership in Illinois.
First Tuesday Chicago is hosting this special evening for Chicago’s leading technology related nonprofit organization, i.c.stars. Please join us on Tuesday, May 13th to celebrate Tech Bash 2003, the reunion of First Tuesday and i.c.stars. By supporting this i.c.stars benefit, you help make the technology leadership dreams of i.c.stars interns a reality. This is your chance to create more “American Idols.”

Techbash 2003 celebrates the passion of our technology community while benefiting its newest members, i.c.stars interns. First Tuesday and the 44 i.c.stars alumni want to introduce i.c.stars’ 6th team of interns and its new president, Sandee Kas-trul, to our Chicago technology family. We look forward to celebrating with you on May 13th.

Enjoy a complimentary open bar from 6:00 - 7:00PM sponsored by Turi Vodka and Bombay Sapphire Gin!

Business Casual, Complimentary Hors d’oeuvres, Cash Bar

TICKETS
Tickets are $25.00 each and are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. Tickets are available for purchase at the door.

TRANSPORTATION
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