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SeedCo Winter Forum Series Compares Loan Program Benefits

Event takes place January 9 at Economic Development Council

EXTON _ SeedCo sponsors a Lenders “Face-Off” Comparison of Loan Programs. The “Face-Off” will center on federal and state programs designed to provide capital access to America’s main street businesses.

The event takes place on Friday, January 9, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. at the Chester County Economic Development Council, 737 Constitution Drive, Exton. The cost is \$20 and includes continental breakfast. **Pre-registration is required.** To register contact Linda Mulgrew at lmulgrew@seedcopa.com.

The program will look at the US Department of Agriculture Business & Industry program versus the US Small Business Administration 7a program and also the US Small Business Administration 504 program versus the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority program.

Speakers include J. Gregory Greco, Rural Business Specialist, of the Pennsylvania State Office of the US Department of Agriculture, George H. Klaus, Director of the Southeast Area Office of the US Department of Agriculture, Patricia J. Kratz, Vice President & SBA Administrator of Univest National Bank and Trust Company, David Light of Preferred Capital BIDCO, Inc. and Sherwood Robbins, Relationship Manager of South Eastern Economic Development Company of PA.

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