

JOIN HIDDEN TEC ON MAY 5 FOR A FIRST-ANNIVERSARY INFORMATION FAIR AND NETWORKING BASH

From 5 to 8 p.m. on Monday, May 5 the Springfield Enterprise Center on the campus of Springfield Technical Community College (STCC) will be turned into a information fair and networking bash to celebrate Hidden TEC's first anniversary.

Those who arrive from 5 to 6:30 p.m. will be directed to take a tour of the Center to include the Deliso Videoconferencing Center where personnel will walk you through the videoconferencing process.

You will also be able to learn more about the fabulous business organizations housed at the Enterprise Center whose purpose is to serve small companies. The following organizations, and possibly several others, will have booths set up and personnel available to answer questions and otherwise assist you at the "Upper Double" section of the center's third floor:

- * STCC Center for Business and Technology
- * Massachusetts Small Business Development Center (MSBDC)
- * Small Business Administration (SBA)
- * Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE)
- * Western Mass Enterprise Fund (WMEF)
- * ACCION



At 6:30 p.m. we will gather back at the main lobby for some toasts and festivities. STCC President Andrew Scibelli will do the honors. The short ceremony will be followed by plenty of time for networking and schmoozing.

STCC is providing complimentary hors d'oeuvres, which include chicken empanadas; mushrooms stuffed with spinach and Feta cheese; cold ravioli skewers served with Pesto vinaigrette; antipasto tray (cold cuts grilled and cold veggies, cheese, etc.) with chips and dip, and chocolate chip coconut cheesecake squares prepared by the Magic Spoon.

In honor of Hidden TEC's first anniversary, there is no charge. Please help out our STCC hosts by sending in an RSVP as soon as possible, at the hidden-tec website (<http://www.hidden-tec.net/>) or email to register-anv@hidden-tec.net

DIRECTIONS TO STCC AND THE SPRINGFIELD ENTERPRISE CENTER:

The [Springfield Enterprise Center](#), an incubator to guide, educate, and support startup businesses, opened on October 5, 1999 in a completely renovated historic building in the STCC Technology Park. The Enterprise Center is a 39,000 square foot facility which offers tenant suites with customized leases at affordable rates, including shared services, space prepared for phone and Internet service, and pro bono consulting services.

Statistically, businesses incubated during their critical startup years with assistance and guidance succeed at twice the rate of those that do not receive such support. Incubators that

draw on the resources of a higher education site manager are among the nation's most successful. In addition to the Enterprise Center's close ties to STCC's academic offerings in entrepreneurship, the tenants are guided throughout their incubation period by the SEC Advisory Board, a group of successful area business professionals who volunteer their time and expertise to assist these young companies.

The STCC Entrepreneurial Institute, under the auspices of the college's School of Business and Information Technologies, is located at the Springfield Enterprise Center. The Institute focuses exclusively on academic and credit offerings in all aspects of entrepreneurship education, ranging from a two-year associate degree to the K-8 elementary entrepreneur programs. The Institute also offers educational programs to area K-12 educators interested in teaching entrepreneurship. The Institute runs the YES! (Young Entrepreneurial Scholars) program for high schools in the region and the college's Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts Student Business Incubator. Serving as a "one-stop" center for entrepreneurship education for individuals who seek start-up or growth knowledge and information, the Entrepreneurial Institute serves as a coalescing force in the development and delivery of entrepreneurial education across the spectrum of present and future entrepreneurs.

SEC FAST FACTS

- The Springfield Enterprise Center offers a business incubator environment in a newly renovated facility.
- Affordable, customized leases in a professional office environment for start-up businesses.
- Suites ranging from 375 to 1100 square feet in an historic Armory building.
- Central reception area for your guests and clients.
- Shared administrative support services including receptionist, copier, fax and mailroom facilities.
- Wiring for voice and Internet access in each suite.
- Hospitality area including equipped kitchen.
- Easy access parking and security, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- Computer resource room, featuring an SBA Business Information Center Library.
- Conference rooms for scheduling meetings.
- Videoconferencing on a fee basis.
- Training and educational programs.
- Networking with other residents and entrepreneurs.
- Access to area professionals, banks, venture capital companies and other financial service providers.
- Access to STCC educational resources, employees, students and interns.

For more information, call the SEC at 755-6100.



The STCC Technology Park borders the Springfield central business district, and provides quick and easy access to interstate highways. Route 91 runs north/south through Springfield. The nearby Massachusetts Turnpike runs east/west, and Rt. 291 intersects less than 2 miles from the Technology Park. Springfield is about 30 minutes from Hartford, CT, 90 minutes from Boston, and 90 minutes from Albany. There is rail service in downtown Springfield, and Bradley International Airport is only 20 minutes away.