



## **Partnering for Success: Bringing Small Business Services to the Next Level**

**August 20, 2012, 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

**8:30 a.m. registration**

**Charleston Conference Hotel Center – Holiday Inn and Suites**

**400 Second Ave, Charleston, West Virginia 25303**

**Keynote Speaker: FDIC Acting Chairman Martin Gruenberg**

The West Virginia Small and Micro Business Alliance for Economic Inclusion, in partnership with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the Appalachian Regional Commission, will host a one-day forum addressing issues relevant to small and micro business service providers.

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FDIC Acting Chairman Martin Gruenberg and ARC Federal Co-Chair Earl Gohl invite you to this forum, which will provide information relating to the provision of services to existing and prospective small and micro business owners, including providing capital, education and technical assistance. The morning will include an introduction to the West Virginia Small and Micro Business Alliance for Economic Inclusion, a panel addressing economic sectors that offer significant opportunities for small business formation and growth, and a panel that will address the present state of small business service provision in West Virginia. The luncheon keynote speaker will be FDIC Acting Chairman Martin Gruenberg. The afternoon will include a moderated “open mike” session during which attendees will talk about what gaps exist in West Virginia’s small business servicing networks and what is needed to bring the provision of small business services to the next level.

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Organizations involved in providing services that further the development of small and micro businesses in West Virginia, including financial institutions, regulators, community development professionals, community development financial institutions, intermediaries, non-profits, and government agencies should plan to attend.

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**There is no cost to attend and parking is free.**

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