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## U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Small Business Connection Event

Hosted by the USDA  
Macon, Georgia  
September 24, 2013

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In support of Secretary Vilsack's implementation of President Obama's agenda to put Americans back to work and create an economy built to last, the Department of Agriculture (USDA) will host Rural Small Business Connections. This training event will provide small businesses with a series of educational networking sessions and opportunities on how to build capacity and successfully do business with USDA and other Federal agencies.

The Rural Small Business Connections is designed to provide small businesses and small farmer-owned cooperatives with the exposure and insight to increase small business contracting participation with the Federal government. Conference attendees will have an opportunity to participate in a full day of learning discussions led by program and small business procurement officials from USDA, and other Federal agencies.

The event will be held on Tuesday, September 24, 2013, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. on the campus of Middle Georgia State College (Macon Campus), 100 College Station Drive, Macon, GA 31206.

There is no fee to participate, however, pre-registration is preferred, with onsite registration available. **To pre-register, please send your request to [osdbu.smallbizconf@dm.usda.gov](mailto:osdbu.smallbizconf@dm.usda.gov) no later than September 19, 2013.**