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## Comprehensive entrepreneurial training offered

University Park, September 9, 2004 - Governors State University and Prairie State College will offer a comprehensive training course for entrepreneurs. The class is open to both new and existing small business owners. "NxLevel For Entrepreneurs" is a 12-session, 30-hour course that will be held on consecutive Saturday mornings from September 25 through December 18, 2004. Classes will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Prairie State College - Matteson Area Center in Matteson, Illinois.

The NxLevel course is designed to be a complete resource for entrepreneurs who want to expand a new business or who need to the skills to make their small business idea become a reality. NxLevel addresses the specific needs of entrepreneurs by providing a practical, hands-on, common sense approach to developing small businesses and a successful business plan. Each session is taught by experienced educators and features prominent business leaders as guest speakers. Topics to be discussed include small business management, accounting, legal issues, marketing and taxes.

All participants are eligible and welcomed to enter the Business Plan Writing Competition, sponsored by the Coleman Foundation. The entrant who submits the best business plan, for an actual business, will be awarded a cash prize. Upon completion of the course, participants may receive partial tuition reimbursement.

The cost of the course is \$330.00 and includes all class materials and a textbook. For additional information or to register for NxLevel, contact CenterPoint at Governors State University by calling 708.534.4929 or Prairie State College by calling 708.709.3750. Web registration is also available at [www.centerpointgsu.com](http://www.centerpointgsu.com)

NxLevel is being offered thanks to the collaboration and support of several area organizations that include: The Coleman Foundation, The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Governors State University, Prairie State College, LaSalle Bank, Great Lakes Bank, First Midwest Bank and The Southland Community Development Corporation.