



**Visioneering Wichita
Entrepreneurs & Small Business Strategic Alliance
Agenda Meeting
May 23, 2006
Meeting Notes**

Attendees: Bill Bolin, Bob Thurman, Dan Hartman, Erik Pedersen, Hoyt Hillman, Jennifer Szambecki, John Stevens, Kendall Heier, Patrick James, Peggy Elliott, Randy Bures, Rosalie Bradley, Robert Muhammed, Roger Douthett, Steve Thomas, Treatha Brown-Foster, Wayne Isaac, Tayna Hatcher, Brian Black, Donna Wright and Eddie Bannon.

Leadership Team: Elizabeth Auer, John Beehler, Roger Douthett, Peggy Elliott, Laurene Gast, Jim Graham, Margarita LaFarelle Hunt, Erik Pedersen, Steve Thomas and Jael Van Boening

Next Entrepreneurs & Small Business Strategic Alliance Meeting: July 24, 9:00 a.m., Self-Help Network, 358 N. Main, Kansas Meeting Room

Minutes from the April 27, 2006 Entrepreneurs & Small Business Strategic Alliance meeting were accepted and approved.

I. Purposes of the Meeting

- Summarize accomplishments to date
- Continue Discussion on Action Step Area #3: Facilitating Technical Assistance and Mentoring for Entrepreneurs
 - Review of action steps from April meeting and related information gathered
 - Develop next steps and key actions
- Visioneering Wichita updates
- Next steps for July meeting

II. Action Step Area Discussion for Facilitating Technical Assistance and Mentoring for Entrepreneurs

Strategic Alliance members continued the discussion and development of key program elements for a minority business initiative, a primary idea to address the 3rd action step area of the Strategic Alliance to facilitate technical assistance and mentoring for entrepreneurs. The proposed initiative will provide education, mentoring and technical assistance to minority business entrepreneurs. The planning discussion for the minority business initiative began with: 1) A review of action steps from the April Strategic Alliance meeting, including a report on initial, positive discussions held with key business leaders who are supportive of the idea of the initiative; 2) Related information gathered on minority business support programs, including the offer from the Ford Program in Dallas (a program providing successful support to minority business owners in the Dallas area) to provide their minority business education curriculum at no cost for use by WSU for the local minority business initiative; and 3) Emerging partnership opportunities, which include the development of a Kauffman Foundation proposal that would, if funded, provide planning support for the development of local entrepreneurship in the near Northeast community that will benefit community residents.

IV. Next Steps

The next Entrepreneurs & Small Business Strategic Alliance meeting will be held on July 24, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at The Self-Help Network, 358 N. Main, in the Kansas Meeting Room. The purposes of the meeting are to: 1) Check-in on progress for the action step areas “support an information clearinghouse accessible by entrepreneurs” and “facilitate education and training opportunities for entrepreneurs”; and 2) Continue the discussion and development of key program elements and action steps for the local minority business initiative, a primary idea to address the action step area to “facilitate technical assistance and mentoring for entrepreneurs.”