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BIZCENTRL ANNOUNCES GRANT OPPORTUNITY FOR REGIONAL HISTORICALLY DISADVANTAGED BUSINESSES

The Media is invited to attend a 10:00 am Press Conference at 823 Peach Street in downtown Erie, PA to discuss details of the Grant opportunities being offered to eligible and qualified Historically Disadvantaged Businesses operating in the 13 County region of Northwest PA.

With funding provided by the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (PADCED), the Greater Erie Economic Development Corporation Business Development Center, (GBDC), **operating as BizCentrl** will provide detail on the Grant application requirements and identify the grant amounts made available to any business selected by the review committee to receive a Grant.

The Grant opportunity is supplementary to the business development being provided for start-up and existing businesses by way of the collaboration between 3iNetworking, LLC and GBDC serving Erie, Crawford, Cameron, Clarion, Clearfield, Elk, Forest, Jefferson, McKean, Mercer, Potter, Warren, and Venango Counties.

"This is another benefit for the businesses we serve, and a huge opportunity for the acceleration of these businesses," says Akram Bhatti, Program Manager for BizCentrl. "With the business guidance and technical services, we are already providing, this grant could make all the difference for a business challenged to find financial resources to help them grow."

BizCentrl officials are expected to announce a working session for businesses already benefitting from the program and any business seeking to enroll in the program and participate in the Grant Application process. The BizCentrl/GBDC Team will be on hand to answer questions and provide more detail about the working session and application period.

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