

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **FUNDING PROGRAMS FOR THE MANUFACTURING SECTOR SEMINAR**

March 13, 2009 – WINDSOR, Ontario – On March 27, 2009 the Ministry of Small Business and Consumer Services in partnership with the Windsor Essex Development Commission will host a half-day seminar beginning at 7:45 am with a hot breakfast, to discuss funding programs for the manufacturing sector at the Caboto Club (2175 Parent Avenue, Windsor, ON). The cost to attend is \$15 per attendee.

Program funding is available for research and development, capital expenditures, training, marketing efforts and energy efficiencies and rebates for local manufacturers. The seminar targets business owners, presidents, marketing and sales executives, account managers, technical engineers and plant managers.

Companies and agencies supplying into the manufacturing sector, such as LEAN consultants, SMART Program Qualified Service Providers, Automation suppliers, Compressed air suppliers and electric contractors are also invited to take a table-top display at a cost of \$100 per table to educate attendees on their services and how they can be leveraged using available government funding.

For further information on the event or to register, please contact Nancy Creighton, Senior Business Advisor, Ministry of Small Business and Consumer Services at 519-252-1704 or email [nancy.creighton@ontario.ca](mailto:nancy.creighton@ontario.ca).

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