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## News Release

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### **SBDC Establishes Office in DeKalb County** *Auburn presence gives DeKalb residents convenience of local site*

**Auburn, Ind., March 2, 2007** – The Northeast Indiana Small Business Development Center (SBDC) has established a DeKalb County location in the offices of the DeKalb County Economic Development Partnership (DCEDP) at 1324 South Grandstaff Drive in Auburn. The Partnership is providing space for the SBDC to consult with DeKalb County residents who are interested in starting a small business or growing an existing small business.

“We are happy to have a convenient and private location where we can consult with local citizens wishing to start a business,” said Ken McCrory, SBDC regional director. “We also assist existing small businesses who are ready to expand and grow.”

The Northeast Indiana Small Business Development Center works to grow Indiana’s economy by providing entrepreneurs with the education, information, and tools to build successful businesses. The SBDC provides a comprehensive scope of services and is available to all types of small businesses in all stages of development.

“The DCEDP welcomes the SBDC to DeKalb County, along with the services available to our businesses. This helps fulfill the Partnership’s mission to improve our quality of life through enhanced business opportunities,” stated Galen Eberhart, director of the DeKalb County Economic Development Partnership. “We encourage all those interested in starting or growing their business to use the services of the SBDC.”

Individuals may schedule an appointment with Ken McCrory by calling 260-481-0500. The SBDC regional office is located in the Hobson Center at 4312 Hobson Road, Suite B in Fort Wayne. DeKalb County clients of the SBDC will be scheduled for meetings at the Partnership’s offices in Auburn. More information about the SBDC is at [www.neisbdc.org](http://www.neisbdc.org).

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