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initiative, please visit our Web site
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Mentoring with



Your Experience.

Their Drive.

Our Future.



You've been there before.

Through years of hard work.
In tough times and good.
You've been there,
building businesses and
developing networks.

But what about the entrepreneurs
who follow in your footsteps?

Let's get together for an
old-fashioned barn raising
with an important focus:
*spurring a South Dakota
renaissance.*

Help mentor tomorrow's
business leaders
through Dakota Rising.



IT'S UP TO YOU. With your sage knowledge, we can grow South Dakota one successful business at a time.

What is Dakota Rising? Dakota Rising awards fellowships to growth oriented entrepreneurs. These Fellows receive a cash grant, peer support and help to take his or her business to the next level.

From One Generation to the Next You've spent years acquiring business acumen and entrepreneurial experience, which makes you uniquely qualified to help the next generation of business leaders and community shapers.

By contributing to the Dakota Rising community, you can help create prosperity – and a strong economic future – for South Dakota. We need your expertise as a:

- Business Plan Reader
- Mentor
- Coach

“The Dakota Rising program has tremendous potential to assist communities in building out entrepreneurial support capacities to assist existing businesses and start-ups. In addition, Dakota Rising has already provided direct impact to the eight Fellows currently in the program by providing mentors and coaches to assist in the building out of these businesses.”

John Hemmingstad
State Director
Small Business Development Centers

Business Plan Readers Read and evaluate business plans to better assist growing businesses. A conference call to review criteria will be November 18 or 19, with a report due on December 14.

Mentors Advise Dakota Rising Fellowship finalists by providing industry-specific insights into their final business plans. Mentorships begin January 22 with final reports due by February 12.

Coaches Offer expertise for defined problem solving to the entire Fellowship group on an as needed basis for a one year renewable commitment. Coaches are invited to the April 22-25 annual conference.

If you are interested in becoming part of the Dakota Rising renaissance, please contact Beth Davis at (605) 978-2804!

Please join us, and help cultivate South Dakota's entrepreneurs.

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