

Pat Quinn GOVERNOR

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Greetings!

As Governor of the State of Illinois, I am pleased to welcome everyone gathered for SSN Small Business and Nonprofit Development Group's (SBND) VIP Network Reception.

I commend SBND for your dedication to educate, train, and create revenue streams for small businesses and nonprofit organizations in Illinois. The health of Illinois' economy depends on our support of small businesses and nonprofit organizations that create jobs, boost our local economy and preserve our neighborhoods. Your contribution to the economic turnaround in communities hit hardest by the recession is truly commendable.

As you celebrate your numerous accomplishments this evening, please take a few moments to reflect upon the many lives that you have enriched through your dedication to small business and nonprofit development. I am certain that the variety of speakers and presentations planned for this conference will greatly benefit both individual attendees and your organization collectively as you continue to pursue your worthy goals.

On behalf of the people of the Land of Lincoln, I offer my best wishes for an enjoyable and memorable event.

Sincerely,

Pat Quinn Governor