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## **Take your business idea to the next level**

VALDOSTA—Are you ready to take your business idea to the next level? Come to the Business Start-up Q&A, led by Monica Page of the Valdosta State University's Small Business Development Center on Tuesday, May 3 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Lee Street Annex Multi-purpose Room. Representatives from Guardian Bank, Wiregrass Georgia Technical College, and the Chamber's SEEDS Business Resource Center also will be present to provide insight on the business start-up process.

At the end of this session, presenters will discuss the 2011 Guardian Bank Business Plan Competition, which is open to anyone who has a business idea and is free of charge. The business must be located in Valdosta-Lowndes County and plan to employ university or technical college graduates. The competition is an eight-month process where competitors are offered FREE educational workshops to assist in fully developing their business plan before submitting it for judging. Business plans may also be critiqued at the workshops to ensure a quality submission.

Now is the time for entrepreneurs or anyone who has a great idea for a business to participate in the competition. Seize this chance to win \$15,000 in start-up capital provided by Guardian Bank and a prize package valued at more than \$20,000 of in-kind services donated by Chamber-member professional consultants. Do not miss this opportunity to make your business dream a reality!

RSVP to Varian Brown, SEEDS Business Resource Center Coordinator, at the Chamber at 229-247-8100 or vbrown@valdostachamber.com to attend the free Business Start-up Q&A.

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