

Calendar of Events

- September 25, 2021 **Morton Community Bank - Community Shred Day**
721 W. Jackson Street
Morton, IL 61550
12:30 PM - 02:30 PM CST
Morton Community Bank,
Clean out and safely dispose of important PAPER documents... Morton Community Bank is hosting its annual "Community Shred Day".
- Location: West end of Morton Community Bank Main Parking Lot (721 W. Jackson Street)*
Time: 12:30 - 2:30 PM
- Up to 5 boxes per vehicle will be accepted for destruction.*
Acceptable items include:
- All Paper Items (Personal, Legal, Medical, Bank)*
Junk Mail
Credit Cards
Folders
Magazines
Paperclips, Rubber Bands, Staples are okay
- This public service is FREE and in cooperation with AAA Certified Confidential Security Corporation.*
In return, generous donations of non-perishable food items for our local Morton food pantries will be accepted and appreciated.
- October 1, 2021
- October 3, 2021 **A Call to Arms: Homefront to Battlefield**
VFW Post 5921
2310 Veterans Rd.
Morton, IL 61550
VFW Post 5921,
More information to come!
- October 5, 2021 **Starting Your Business in Illinois**
Zoom Webinar
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM CST
Illinois Small Business Development Center, 309 677-2992
illinoissbdc@bradley.edu
For aspiring entrepreneurs. Are you interested in starting your own business? Attend this 2-hour workshop, at no cost, and learn how to get your business name registered, where to obtain a tax ID number, which legal form to choose, business plans, taxes, financing options and much more! These events are sponsored by the Illinois Small Business Development Center at Bradley University and Co-Sponsored by Morton Community Bank and the Minority Business Development Center.
- October 6, 2021 **Early Dismissal for District 709**
415 West Jefferson Street
Morton, IL 61550

- October 11, 2021 **Columbus Day (No School)**
415 West Jefferson Street
Morton, IL 61550
All Day
- October 12, 2021 **Chamber 101**
Morton Chamber of Commerce
415 West Jefferson Street
Morton, IL 61550
12:00 - 1:00 pm
Make the most of your Chamber membership. This one hour, informal get together includes a review of free member services, promotional opportunities, and our events and programs. We encourage all new members, new managers, and current members who would like a quick reminder of their member benefits to join us!
- Event takes place from 12-1 pm.*
- October 15, 2021 **709 In-Service Half Day**
415 West Jefferson Street
Morton, IL 61550
- October 20, 2021 **Starting Your Business in Illinois**
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- October 21, 2021 **709 P-T Conferences (No School)**
415 West Jefferson Street
Morton, IL 61550
All Day
- October 22, 2021 **709 P-T Conferences (No School)**
415 West Jefferson Street
Morton, IL 61550
All Day
- October 22, 2021 **Trick or Treat Main Street**
Main Street
Morton, IL 61550
04:00 PM - 06:00 PM CST
Visit participating downtown and neighboring businesses with your trick or treaters for treats and store specials! Trick or treat bags will be provided.
- Sponsored by McDonalds.*

October 27, 2021

Practicality of USMCA: How to Apply the Regulations

Zoom

12:00 PM - 01:15 PM CST

Beatriz Ramirez, 309.677.2996

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The Illinois SBDC International Trade Center at Bradley University is collaborating with BDG International to discuss the practicality of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA). Our presenter will discuss the important developments in regards to: by what means a product originates; special rules of origin as "de minimis" that has changed since NAFTA; documentation requirements and verifications.

Topics:

- Important developments included in the USMCA*
- Recovery of originating content (related parties)*
- Importation of goods into Mexico and Canada*
- Move those goods efficiently and legally*

Who should attend?

- Businesses that export to Canada and Mexico*
- Businesses who are importing/exporting anywhere*
- Customs Brokers/Freight Forwarders*
- Transportation Intermediaries*
- Economic Development Councils*

Advantage of attending:

- Product/s that did not qualify under NAFTA, it is possible that they now qualify under the USMCA*
- Parts/components' suppliers to the automotive sector may be affected by the new rules of origin*
- Equal compliance responsibility for producers, exporters, and importers*
- Benefits to Chapter 25 small and medium-size enterprises*

Our Speaker: Lisa Waller

Lisa is a graduate of Illinois State University, Bachelors of Science in International Business and an emphasis on Eastern Studies. In 1993, Lisa joined BDG International, Inc. Lisa has traveled professionally throughout Europe & South America and parts of Asia and is fluent in Spanish.

Lisa is a U.S. Licensed Customs Broker, IATA Certified, DG Certified, IAC Security Coordinator, a Certified Customs Specialist, and a Certified Export Specialist.

It is the goal of BDG International, Inc. to educate the public on complying with the regulations, working through incoterms and letter of credits, proper routing selection and in the end making export easier in order to assist the exporter to sell their product globally. With a team backing her, Lisa is able to put this goal into full force and speak at seminars impacting a larger audience.

November 3, 2021

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November 9, 2021

The Essential Role of a Freight Forwarder

Zoom meeting

03:30 PM - 05:00 PM CST

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The Illinois SBDC International Trade Center at Bradley University is collaborating with LR International to discuss that export sales are a great way to develop new markets with fresh customer opportunities. However, export transactions are a bit more complicated than domestic sales and there can be fear of the unknown. A freight forwarder is a key player in your export success. Freight forwarders work with the exporter, shipping companies, and other important partners such as your bank and the Federal Government to make sure your transactions are compliant and that you get paid for your overseas sales. Join us as we take a deeper dive into the role of a freight forwarder in your export transaction. The following are some key topics we will discuss to better prepare your organization for export sales growth:

Talking points:

Role of the freight forwarder in an export sale

2020 Incoterms: how they limit the risk, cost, and loss

Payment methods and ways to mitigate non-payment risk including understanding the letters of credit

Credit insurance: cutting the stress and making foreign payments less risky

November 11, 2021

Veterans Day (No School)
415 West Jefferson Street
Morton, IL 61550
All Day

November 15, 2021

Breaking into Government Contracting

Webinar: bit.ly/BIGC11162021

03:30 PM - 05:00 PM CST

Keli Krueger-Huhra , 309.677.3297

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Learn the basics of government contracting! The U.S. Government is the world's largest buyer of products and services. Purchases by military and civilian installations in FY20 amounted to over \$600 billion, and included everything from complex space vehicles to janitorial services. Goods and services provided by the private sector are critically important for government operations. By law, federal agencies are required to establish small business contracting goals. Currently at least 23% of all government buys should be awarded to small businesses. Combine the federal marketplace with state and local government agencies, the total government marketplace tops \$7 Trillion in annual spend. Unfortunately, for a small business the procurement process can be complex and challenging to navigate.

The Illinois PTAC at Bradley University wants this marketplace to be as accessible as possible. As a result, we are offering this webinar for those newly considering government contracting. The content will enhance your basic understanding of the procurement process and introduce resources to help you determine if this customer is a good fit for your business. We will discuss our no-cost bid matching service, necessary vendor registrations (at all governmental levels- SAM, IPG, etc.), and tools such as small business certifications that can help you succeed.

Who should attend:

Newly hired or re-assigned professionals in all government contracting roles at all levels and all sizes of organizations

Businesses and organizations who are exploring or have acquired a government contract - either as a prime contractor or a subcontractor

Specialists who have been working in limited areas of procurement; those who have not had the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the total picture

Experienced professionals needing an effective refresher, to be brought up-to-date on new rules, procedures, rights, and remedies

Topic Points:

History of government acquisitions

Awareness of statutes, laws and regulations

Identifying the different types of contracts

State of IL contracting

Obtain basic knowledge on small business certifications

Our Speaker:

Keli Krueger-Huhra has 28 years of progressive career growth in automotive manufacturing integrating Procurement and Supply with the organization's strategic objectives. Prior to joining the Illinois PTAC program, she was General Manager/Director, Procurement and Supply at Mitsubishi Motors North America Manufacturing Division where she was responsible for 32 direct and indirect management and staff engaged in Procurement Administration, Cost Engineering, Production Purchasing, Material and Services Purchasing, Supplier Quality Assurance and New Model Engineering and Development directing annual spends of \$740M in Global Sourcing with suppliers in 266 global locations. Ms. Krueger-Huhra has received the globally recognized CPSM designation by the Institute for Supply Management (ISM). (link to Keli's bio webpage)

November 17, 2021

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November 24, 2021
- November 26, 2021

Thanksgiving Vacation (No School)

415 West Jefferson Street

Morton, IL 61550

All Day

November 27, 2021

Shop Small Saturday & Hometown Holidays Celebration

415 West Jefferson Street

Morton, IL 61550

Pumpkinland Community Events,

Pumpkinland.morton@gmail.com

December 1, 2021

Early Dismissal for District 709

415 West Jefferson Street

Morton, IL 61550

- December 7, 2021 **Starting Your Business in Illinois**
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- December 9, 2021 **BBB presents 2021 Central Illinois Business Awards & Recognition**
The Warehouse on State St
736 SW Washington St
Peoria, IL 61602
05:00 PM - 08:30 PM CST
Ann D, 309-688-3741
resolution@hoibbb.org
Title: BBB presents 2021 Central Illinois Business Awards & Recognition
Date: December 9th
Time: 5 PM – 8:30 PM
Location: The Warehouse on State st in Peoria
- December 11, 2021 **The Giving**
415 West Jefferson Street
Morton, IL 61550
Pumpkinland Community Events,
Pumpkinland.morton@gmail.com
- December 21, 2021 **709 In-Service Half Day**
415 West Jefferson Street
Morton, IL 61550
- December 22, 2021 **Christmas Vacation for 709 (No School)**
- January 7, 2022 **415 West Jefferson Street**
Morton, IL 61550
All Day
- January 10, 2022 **Early Dismissal for District 709**
415 West Jefferson Street
Morton, IL 61550
- January 17, 2022 **MLK Jr. Day (No School)**
415 West Jefferson Street
Morton, IL 61550
All Day
- February 2, 2022 **Early Dismissal for District 709**
415 West Jefferson Street
Morton, IL 61550

February 21, 2022	Presidents' Day (No School for 709) 415 West Jefferson Street Morton, IL 61550 All Day
March 2, 2022	Early Dismissal for District 709 415 West Jefferson Street Morton, IL 61550
March 11, 2022	709 In-Service Half Day 415 West Jefferson Street Morton, IL 61550
March 28, 2022 - April 1, 2022	Spring Break for District 709 (No School) 415 West Jefferson Street Morton, IL 61550 All Day
April 6, 2022	Early Dismissal for District 709 415 West Jefferson Street Morton, IL 61550
April 15, 2022 - April 18, 2022	Easter Break for District 709 415 West Jefferson Street Morton, IL 61550 All Day
May 4, 2022	Early Dismissal for District 709 415 West Jefferson Street Morton, IL 61550
May 15, 2022	Morton High School Graduation 415 West Jefferson Street Morton, IL 61550
May 30, 2022	Memorial Day (No School) 415 West Jefferson Street Morton, IL 61550 All Day
June 3, 2022	Last Day for 709 Students 415 West Jefferson Street Morton, IL 61550