

ENTREPRENEUR SPOTLIGHT

Project Outcomes:

(June 2, 2003 thru August 31, 2006)

- ◆ Total Clients Assisted: **305**
- ◆ Businesses Started: **25**
- ◆ Businesses Expanded: **7**
- ◆ Jobs Created: **88**
- ◆ Businesses Retained: **5**
- ◆ Jobs Retained: **17**
- ◆ Tune-Ups of Existing Businesses: **32**

Enterprise Facilitation Welcomes 3T's Construction

Roy Tidwell of Hiawatha recently launched his business, 3T's Construction. Services provided include roofing, drywall, painting, concrete work, and general carpentry. While a newcomer to business ownership, Tidwell has years of experience in all facets of construction. "I started out as a teenager working for my uncle in Kansas City and have been working in construction ever since," Roy said. "After all this time, I decided to work for myself instead of someone else." To get his new business up and running, Roy sought assistance from Northeast Kansas Enterprise Facilitation. "Janet helped me



figure out what needed to be done and in what order," Roy said. "She also helped me to get my business plan together so I could apply for the Brown County microloan." This effort paid off as Tidwell received an \$8,000 loan to

purchase tools and equipment and cover other start-up costs. To have Tidwell assess your construction project or learn more about the services he can provide, call him at 785-741-2788.

Volunteers Wanted!

The Northeast Kansas Enterprise Facilitation Initiative is seeking volunteers who want to help local entrepreneurs succeed to join their community resource board. Board members are asked to share their networks and skills to help entrepreneur clients move their business ideas ahead.

Board members do this through monthly brainstorming sessions and periodic communications with the Enterprise Facilitator. Volunteers should love their community and desire to support local business growth. They must also be able to think outside the box

and maintain client confidentiality. Interested persons are asked to contact Janet Griesel and attend a training session on Thursday evening, November 2nd. This session will cover the Enterprise Facilitation model and board member responsibilities.

Upcoming Events:

October 5, 2006

5:30 pm - Rosette Presentation at Muddy Creek Family Clinic, 200 White Way, Netawaka, KS

6:30 pm - Board Meeting at Netawaka Community Building

October 6, 2006

12:15 pm — Rosette Presentation at Countryside Home Sales, 1605 Main, Atchison, KS

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