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**June Think Tank at the Watkins Glen Area Chamber of Commerce:  
Learn more about the Small Business Administration  
and the programs and services they provide**

Watkins Glen, NY – Experts from the Small Business Administration will join the Watkins Glen Area Chamber of Commerce at the June Think Tank. Join us to learn more about SBA programs and services!

**Date:** Tuesday, June 13  
**Time:** 8am – 10am  
**Location:** Watkins Glen Area Chamber of Commerce Conference Room  
214 N. Franklin Street, Watkins Glen

Economic Development Specialist Howard Garrity and Lender Relations Specialist Grace Connors will present on SBA programs and services. The general focus will be the SBA's loan guaranty programs whereby they encourage lenders to finance the many small business projects that are so important to our regional economy.

Howard and Grace will also share information on the Resource Partners available to help small business owners with free counseling and low-cost training on a wide variety of topics, from business planning to financial projections. Such partners would include SCORE, Small Business Development Centers, and Women's Business Centers across Upstate New York. They will also cover programs that are available to veterans and members of the military community to start or expand their small businesses.

Howard Garrity shares, "This will be an excellent opportunity for small business owners and aspiring entrepreneurs to learn about the many programs we have available to help small businesses start, grow, and succeed."

Sherri Arnold, Director of the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) will cover the assistance SBDC offers to existing and future entrepreneurs free business counseling and planning assistance, as well as insight and guidance with respect to several focus areas, such as green business technology, disaster preparedness and recovery, veteran's assistance, and more.

Think Tanks are offered as a benefit to members of the Watkins Glen Area Chamber of Commerce. Advance reservations are requested by Monday, June 12. Please contact Events Manager Anna Rainous to RSVP: 607-535-4300 or [anna@watkinsglenchamber.com](mailto:anna@watkinsglenchamber.com).

The Watkins Glen Area Chamber of Commerce strives to advance economic vitality by providing promotion, education, and support for its members and the community. In furtherance of this mission, the Chamber presents many educational opportunities throughout the year for local businesses and organizations, Think Tanks are just one of these opportunities. Think Tanks are held monthly on the second Tuesday, with times alternating between 4-6pm for odd months and 8-10am for even months.

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