



Alabama MicroEnterprise Network (AMEN) Fact Sheet

WHAT: Alabama MicroEnterprise Network (AMEN) is a 501c (3) organization that speaks with one voice to serve, educate and empower the microbusiness development organizations in Alabama and the entrepreneurs they represent.

Our goal is to:

- Help microbusiness development organizations expand their resources and build capacity
- Provide entrepreneurs with business assistance and access to micro-lending opportunities
- Advocate to build the public's awareness of the impact of microbusiness development in Alabama

WHY: Microbusinesses are those businesses with five or fewer employees that are small enough to benefit from loans under \$50,000. They are both urban and rural, start-up and seasoned and range from sole proprietor to “mom and pop” businesses to larger enterprises that hire other members of the community.

There are a total of 355,000 microenterprises in Alabama that make up 88% of all the businesses in the state. Microenterprises also account for 21.2% of all employment in Alabama, providing jobs for an estimated 2,177,238 people.

WHO: AMEN is a member organization comprised of people and organizations that advocate for and support the growth and development of Alabama's microbusiness community.

WHY JOIN: AMEN provides the following member benefits:

- Opportunities to get your organization's contact information in front of statewide referral points (i.e. legislators, microenterprises, lenders)
- Information that can assist in:
 - Professional development
 - Capacity building
 - Program development
- National and statewide microbusiness news
- Opportunities for face-to-face interaction at meetings and special events
- Information to help you increase your political clout
- Annual Statewide Alabama MicroEnterprise Leader's Summit



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Membership Application

Organization: _____

Contact Person Name and Title: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email Address: _____

Website (if applicable): _____

Annual Dues:

- Microbusiness Practitioner \$ 100
(An organization that works daily to assist microbusinesses with technical assistance or lending)
- Associate Organization/Non-practitioner \$200
(An organization that assists or supports the work of Practitioners and is interested in furthering the work of those organizations)
- Interested Party/Supporter \$ 50
(An individual who wants to support the work of the AMEN organization, a student or educator)

Signature of person completing application:

Name Title Date

Name of person designated to represent your organization to AMEN (if different)

Name Title Date

Please return this application along with your payment to:

Alabama MicroEnterprise Network
P.O. Box 1882
Birmingham, Alabama 35201

For more information about AMEN visit our website at www.microenterprisealabama.org