Economic Recovery: What's Ahead for Men and Women Workers?

As our nation heads toward economic recovery, it appears that job losses and unemployment rates during the recession were much higher for men than women. Roughly 1.7 million more men than women entered the ranks of the unemployed between March 2008 and March 2009, while the national unemployment rate for men was 9.5 percent compared to 7.5 percent for women.

And how has this "man-cession" played out in Montana? Interestingly, our state's unemployment rate gap between men and women of about 4.5 percentage points is actually double that of the national unemployment gap. The disproportionate recession impacts on men may have occurred because of industry and occupational differences between the genders.

At the 35th Annual Economic Outlook Seminar, Wendy Stock, department chair of Agricultural Economics and Economics at Montana State University, will discuss the recession's impacts, economic recovery, and workforce issues.

This half-day seminar and luncheon will highlight the latest economic trends and forecasts for the nation, state, and local-area economies. Bureau economists Patrick Barkey and Paul Polzin will present economic outlook forecasts for each seminar city, and industry experts will provide the outlook for Montana's important industries: nonresident travel, health care, agriculture, manufacturing, and forest products. Also included will be an update on Montana home sales. A luncheon program presented by Montana Kids Count will discuss investment in early childhood education.

Dates & Locations

Missoula Friday, January 22, 2010 Hilton Garden Inn

Helena Tuesday, January 26, 2010 Best Western Great Northern

Great Falls Wednesday, January 27, 2010 Hilton Garden Inn

Billings Tuesday, February 2, 2010 Montana State University – Billings Student Union Ballroom

Bozeman Wednesday, February 3, 2010 Best Western GranTree Inn

Butte Thursday, February 4, 2010 Holiday Inn Express

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Seminar Agenda

7:45 - 8:00	Registration & Networking
8:00 - 8:30	Keynote Presentation Wendy Stock, department chair, MSU Agricultural Economics and Economics
8:30 - 9:30	National, State, and Local Outlooks Patrick Barkey, director, and Paul Polzin, research associate, UM Bureau of Business and Economic Research (BBER)
9:30 - 11:30	 Industry Outlooks Norma Nickerson, director, UM Institute for Tourism & Recreation Research Health Care Gregg Davis, director, Health Care Industry Research, UM BBER Agriculture George Haynes, professor, MSU Real Estate Scott Rickard, director, Center for Applied Economic Research, MSU-Billings Manufacturing & Forest Products Todd Morgan, director, Forest Industry Research, UM BBER
11:30 - 12:00	Local Chamber of Commerce Report
Noon - 12:50	Luncheon Program Investment in Early Childhood Education – Montana Kids Count Sponsored by the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation

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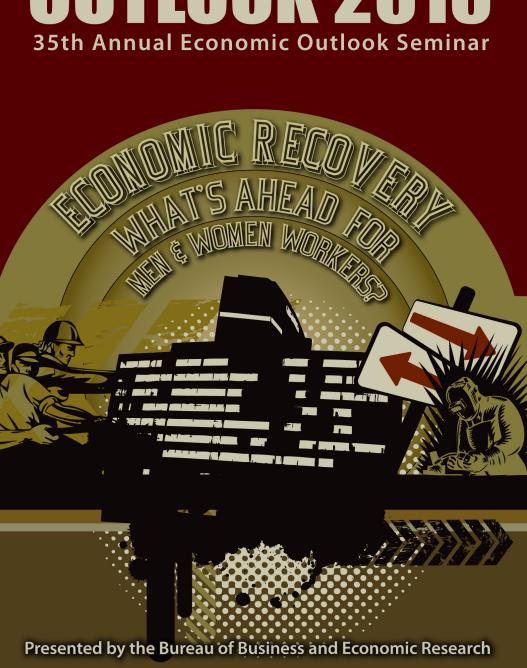
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