

Vernon Economic  
Development Association



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**GRANT PROGRAMS, SEMINARS, AND LOANS, AVAILABLE FROM  
THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TRADE AND  
CONSUMER PROTECTION AND WISCONSIN FSA OFFICE AND  
SELLING TO THE USDA FARM SERVICE AGENCY**

**March 11, 2015**

**HOSTED BY: Vernon Economic Development Association**

at the Food Enterprise Center  
1201 North Main Street  
Viroqua, WI

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**AGENDA**

Meeting scheduled from 6:00-8:00 pm

6:00 pm Welcome and introductions by Host, WPI and attendees

6:15 pm Program to include:

- DATCP – Buy Local, Buy Wisconsin grant program and the Local Food Business Seminar series and the Farm to School program.
- Patrick M. Dardis – USDA FSA, Deputy Director is the Head of Contracting Activity Designee in the Kansas City Commodity Office. Patrick will discuss procurement opportunities discussion and method.
- Ginger Jacobs, Vernon & Monroe County & Kathy Lewison, Vernon County, FSA Office – Microloans and Farm Loan programs and loss coverage program (Non-Insurable Disaster Assistance Program or NAP) for uninsurable fruit and vegetable crops, maple sap, honey, aquaculture, etc.
- Mary Trimmier, Small Business Administration Representative – will discuss small business programs, and SBA loan programs.
- Wrap up and networking , WPI

**Closing discussions in planning topics of future meetings - We welcome your input!**

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