



FEDERATION OF SOUTHERN CO-OPS/LAF

INVITES YOU TO

CO-OP 101 WORKSHOP

What is a Cooperative?

A cooperative is a **democratically owned business** that is formed to meet the mutual needs of its member-owners.

Cooperatives empower people to improve their quality of life and enhance their economic opportunities through self-help.

Cooperatives may be organized to meet needs in areas such as:

- Child care
- Facilities and Housing
- Credit and personal financial services
- Transportation
- Equipment, hardware, farm supplies
- Food and food services
- Health care
- Wholesale goods and supplies
- Electricity, telephone, Internet
- Marketing
- Employment
- Computer services
- Insurance
- Professional services

The Federation of Southern Co-operatives/LAF is organizing a free one-day workshop on Cooperative Business Development.

Come and learn how to start your own cooperative business, how cooperative businesses operate, and the financial resources needed to start your business.

Date: Saturday, October 11, 2008

Time: 9:00a.m — 3:00p.m.

Place: Federation of Southern Cooperatives' Rural Training and Research Center
575 Federation Road, Epes, Alabama

Please RSVP by October 9, 2008

For more information please feel free to contact: Pam Madzima or Osagie Idehen at (205) 652-9676.