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# Events, Groups & Subscriptions For Entrepreneurs

**Event Calendars:**

* Crain’s Chicago Business: [www.chicagobusiness.com](http://www.chicagobusiness.com) “Events”. Small Business Section is particularly helpful.
* Chicagoland TechVenue Calendar of networking functions in the Chicago technology & business community USMidwest@techvenue.com
* [www.i-streetreporter.com](http://www.i-streetreporter.com) for news and event listings. kelly@i-street.com
* E-Prairie [www.eprairie.com](http://www.eprarie.com) for news and event listings.
* CSA Events Calendar Bi-Monthly: Events-Chicago Software Association events@csa.org
* [www.technologyexecutivesclub.com](http://www.technologyexecutivesclub.com)

**Join Groups/Attend Events/Information Seminars/Networking Events:**

Subscribe to internet discussion groups, networking groups, special interest groups, business discussion groups, and scientific groups, in your field. Budget and spend money, time and effort to attend these, as well as the conferences in your industry, venture capital conferences and business networking events. Attendance takes a significant amount of work, time, and money in registration fees, but required activities to keep you current and to get you and your company’s name know around town.

* Events, Groups, Seminars:
* Technology Executives Club [www.technologyexecutivesclub.com](http://www.technologyexecutivesclub.com) (Alex Jarrett)
* Crain’s Chicago Business – Small Business Seminars and Events, Internet Quarterly events: [www.chicagobusiness.com](http://www.chicagobusiness.com).
* Big Frontier in Chicago: [www.bigfrontier.org](http://www.bigfrontier.org) (Steve Lundin)
* Networlding Events [www.networlding.com](http://www.networlding.com) Melissa Giovanali

Previously held groups and events in Chicago

* KnockNow [www.knocknow.com](http://www.kocknow.com)
* Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce. [www.chicagolandchamber.org](http://www.chicagolandchamber.org)
* First Tuesday: [www.firsttuesday.com](http://www.firsttuesday.com) (David Jacobsen)
* Mobile Wednesday: [www.firsttuesday.com](http://www.firsttuesday.com)
* Chicagoland Entrepreneurial Center (Michael Fields) mfields@entrepreneurship.enewsbuilder.net
* [www.garage.com](http://www.garage.coom) Boot Camps for Entrepreneurs, yearly in Chicago in late March.
* AIP (Association of Internet Professionals): [www.association.org](http://www.association.org)
* SMA (Strategic Management Association): [www.sma-chicago.org](http://www.sma-chicago.org/)
* The Executives' Club of Chicago <https://www.executivesclub.org/ellison.asp> Inna Suvorov, (312) 263-3500 Ext. 25
* Technology Executives Roundtable (Evanston) [www.ter1.com](http://www.teri.com) or <http://www.aesiq.com/dojo/59/v.jsp>
* Chicago Biotech Network: [chicagobiotechnetwork.org](http://www.chicagobiotechnetwork.org/mfr/mfr823/me.get?web.home)
* Executive Resource Network: [www.ExecutiveResources.org](http://www.executiveresources.org/) “Member Center”, **“Networking Events Calendar”** Check event web site links located under **“Network** **Organization Web Sites.”**
* MOBE Mixers: Networking events for the Independently employed; MOBE Mixers presented by MOBEware, Inc., a new company that creates expression, affiliation, and recognition for the Independently Employed. <www.mobeware.com>, the schedule of upcoming Morning & After Hours MOBE Mixers.
* Midwest Entrepreneur’s Forum: mef@gss.net; Kim Miggenburg, Kim@gss.net.
* Attend the Knowjack social networking events in Lisle, IL youknowjack@aol.com
* Network in your industry, and locally. Attend conferences/functions hosted by the organizations in your city, that are building or maintaining the tech community.
* <http://www.score.org/> Corps of Retired Executives (helping Small Businesses)
* [www.grayhairs.com](http://www.grayhairs.com)

**Events and Groups for Women Entrepreneurs:**

* Springboard

<http://www.springboardenterprises.org/> ; <http://www.springboardenterprises.org/progeven/default.asp>

Venture Capital for Women-Owned Businesses; Women Entrepreneur BootCamps and VC Tune-Up Programs. Bootcamps focus on key elements of building a high-growth business, provide connections to local resources and offer valuable insights on pitching to investors. One-day program, held 4-5 times per year, is targeted at women entrepreneurs who are actively raising equity capital to grow their businesses or who are preparing to seek capital in the near future. While raising equity capital is the ultimate goal, the program emphasizes the lessons learned and experiences of entrepreneurs who have successfully (or unsuccessfully) raised investment capital and continue to grow their businesses.

* Women’s Business Development Center [www.wbdc.org](http://www.wbdc.org) September Conference for Women each year (For Women Starting Businesses**)** 8 South Michigan • Suite 400 • Chicago, IL • 60603-3306 • (312) 853-3477 • Fax (312) 853-0145 • wbdc@wbdc.org
* Women in Technology International [www.witi.org](http://www.witi.org)
* Chicago Women in Technology CHICWIT [www.chicwit.org](http://www.chicwit.org)
* Digital Eve [www.digitaleve.org](http://www.de.org) [www.digitalevechicago.org/membership/membernews.asp](http://www.digitalevechicago.org/membership/membernews.asp)
* National Women’s calendar of events events@nationalwomenscalendar.org
* American Business Women’s Association (ABWA) Chicagoland Express Network msigal@earthlnk.net
* Women-In-Trade ([www.usatrade.gov/womenintrade](http://www.usatrade.gov/womenintrade)) that strives to expand women-owned businesses into overseas markets.
* National Women's Business Council (NWBC)
* [http://www.womanowned.com](http://www.womanowned.com/) (very basic site, applies more to home-based businesses)
* [www.fwe.org](http://www.fwe.org) Forum For Women Entrepreneurs Building Businesses.

**Venture Conferences and Technology Conferences:**

* Attend the Chicago Software Association “Early Stage Investment Conference” (September - Chicago), [www.csa.org](http://www.csa.org) Join the Chicago Software Association: [www.csa.org](http://www.csa.org);
* Midwest Venture Summit in late May in Chicago [www.midwestventuresummit.org](http://www.midwestventuresummit.org) May 20, 2005. Combination of the previous Illinois Venture Capital Conference, and the previous Great Lakes Venture Capital Conference [www.glvcc.com](http://www.glvcc.com)
* Illinois Annual Technology Conference [www.ilatc.org](http://www.ilatc.org) May each year in Chicago.
* [www.garage.com](http://www.garage.com) Bootcamps and Venture conferences, in March each year in Chicago.
* Springboard <http://www.springboardenterprises.org/> Venture Capital for Women-Owned Businesses.
* Biotech Conference April each year. info@chicagobiotechnetwork.org and iBio Marketplace event.
* Arch Development Partners, Seed-Stage Venture Capital Fund and incubator [www.archdevelopmentpartners.com](http://www.archdevelopmentpartners.com)
* Prairie Angels [www.prairieangels.org](http://www.prairieangels.org) seed capital and incubator.
* Similar Midwest conferences, and venture group conferences.
* Attend VC Conferences in your specific industry.
* Attend VC Conferences in your home state of your corporate location or the hub of your industry: Good ones in California, New York, Boston, Austin.
* Google searches for “Venture Capital” and “Venture”; look for conferences in your industry, city or region.

**Government Organizations With Info Sites to Help Entrepreneurs:**

* In Illinois, subscribe to newsletters and attend government/industry functions by the Illinois Coalition: [www.ilcoalition.org](http://www.ilcoalition.org/); Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs: [www.commerce.state.il.us](http://www.commerce.state.il.us). Illinois Coalition has a “techbulletin”
* Small Business Administration: [www.ussba.org](http://www.ussba.org).
* Women’s Business Development Center, Resources for Women Starting Businesses [www.wbdc.org](http://www.wbdc.org) 8 South Michigan • Suite 400 • Chicago, IL • 60603-3306 • (312) 853-3477 • Fax (312) 853-0145 • **wbdc@wbdc.org**

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* [www.ilcoalition.org](http://www.ilcoalition.org) Illinois Coalition’s email newsletter: techalert@ilcoalition.org
* Wall Street Journal: [www.wsj.com](http://www.wsj.com), Wall Street Journal Online.
* <http://www.icasyndicate.com/ica_nanosyn_sub.html> Intellectual Capital Syndicate, Nanotech Syndicate.
* Venture Wire.com: [www.venturewire.com](http://www.venturewire.com) for news blurbs about venture investments around the country, review religiously for your industry and competitors. Various events come from subscription.
* Subscribe to [www.ipo.com](http://www.ipo.com) . Read about the types of companies going public, their length of operating history, their annual revenues, and most importantly their stock prices at IPO.
* [www.nasdaq.com](http://www.nasdaq.com) for NASDAQ Stock Market Listing Requirements, and view public companies.
* Schmoozemonger Newsletter: [www.schmoozemonger.com](http://www.schmoozemonger.com). Dan Limbach dan@schmoozemonger.com
* Red Herring Magazine and Red Herring OnLine: [www.redherring.com](http://www.redherring.com)
* Business 2.0: [www.business2.com](http://www.business2.com)
* Wired: [www.wired.com](http://www.wired.com)
* Inc. Magazine: [www.inc.com](http://www.inc.com)
* Industry Standard: [www.thestandard.com](http://www.thestandard.com)
* Fortune Magazine: [www.fortune.com](http://www.fortune.com)
* Mobile Computing: [www.mobilecomputing.com](http://www.mobilecomputing.com)
* Your industry-specific publications, and be vigilant about keeping your research current on the industry and your competitors
* If you can stand to read extraneous dribble and fabricated rumors, to eke out the small morsels of helpful information or true news, subscribe to [www.themayreport.com](http://www.themayreport.com)