

Local businesses invited to upcoming energy saving, loan seminar

State Rep. Sara Feigenholtz and Ald. Tom Tunney (44th) are hosting a seminar on Thursday, November 17, 9:30 am, to help business owners reduce energy costs and access capital through state Business Invest loan programs. The seminar will be held at Ann Sather's, 909 W. Belmont.

The Illinois State Treasurer's Office will be there to help attendees understand loan options available through the state's job creation and business expansion initiatives. Business Invest offers low-interest loans to business owners or entrepreneurs looking to start or expand their company. The Illinois Department of Com-

merce and Economic Opportunity also has a number of loan programs intended specifically for small and minority-owned businesses that may have difficulties obtaining traditional loans.

Representatives from local utility companies will also give an overview of energy saving programs and initiatives in preparation for the more costly winter months. Programs are available to help businesses from all sectors and of all sizes lower their energy usage, increase energy efficiency, utilize rebate offers and find other ways to cut down on utility bills. For more information call (773) 296-4141.