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### **Small Businesses Encouraged to Register for Free QuickBooks Mentoring Program**

BERLIN — Northern Community Investment Corporation is offering a free QuickBooks mentoring program for small businesses and start-ups that meet certain household income guidelines.

“QuickBooks is a user-friendly accounting software program specifically designed for small businesses to manage day-to-day business transactions such as payroll, inventory, revenue, expenses and other business needs,” Barb Candar, NCIC Financial Technical Advisor. “We are excited to offer the mentoring program because it provides both training and support to help each participant be successful in understanding the software and using it to meet the needs of their business.”

The mentoring program for business owners and their employees consists of:

- Two-day comprehensive training class at White Mountains Community College, February 28<sup>th</sup> and March 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Up to three scheduled onsite, one-on-one work sessions within 90 days of the class.
- Up to three hours of telephone support during normal business hours in the month following the class.

The program is valued at over \$1,000 and is free to those who meet the following criteria:

1. A NH business or startup
2. A business with five or fewer employees (including owner)
3. Owner must meet household income guidelines

All materials and laptops will be provided by NCIC. Complete information about the class can be found on the NCIC website: <http://www.ncic.org/business-resources/QuickBooks-Mentoring-Program.aspx>

For questions, please contact Barb Candar at 603-616-2763 or e-mail [bcandar@ncic.org](mailto:bcandar@ncic.org)

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