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The Issue of Federal Clarity

Be aware, hear from the experts, and find out what the federal spending trends mean for nonprofits at the Yes You Can! Demystifying Federal Funds Conference on March 20th, 2009 at the UIC Forum.

Being in the know about the new kinds of information that will be required of funding agencies as well as grantees is a strong interest of Gary D. Bass, Executive Director and founder of OMB Watch, Washington, DC. Mr. Bass will deliver the keynote talk at the upcoming Yes You Can! Conference on March 20th, 2009 at the UIC Forum

located on the corner of Roosevelt Road and Halsted Street.

Bass's talk has been fittingly titled ***“Federal Funds in the 21st Century: Nonprofit Sustainability in the New Era of Transparent Spending.”***

The implications of the new Administration and Congress's spending decisions are currently being dissected and reinterpreted by expert analysts on websites like OMB Watch (www.ombwatch.org), committed to promoting open government, accountability, and citizen participation. Bass, who has dedicated a good portion of his career to explaining federal budget decisions to the public, will help conference participants sort out what some of the trends will mean for their organizations. Mr. Bass has written extensively about the nonprofit sector's relationship to the federal grants process. His address will cover the issue of transparency and answer the following questions:

- What does federal funding mean for nonprofits and small municipalities in the coming years?
- How can such organizations get “ahead of the curve” of the new federal emphasis on transparent spending and accountability?
- How can nonprofit organizations advocate effectively for more reliable funding and grants process that is more understandable?

With the dramatic changes taking place in federal spending, given the recently passed “stimulus” legislation, the efforts to stem housing foreclosures, and the priorities signaled in the proposed federal budget, the funding landscape is changing rapidly.

The deadline to register for the conference is Friday, March 13th. Online registration is required to attend the conference on March 20th, 2009 from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm.

Participants will benefit from hearing first hand from a leading expert on federal accountability. Trainers and policy experts will also be present to teach skills about how to pursue federal grants effectively. To register, go to www.illinoisresource.net. The registration fee for the full-day conference, including breakfast and lunch, is \$35.00.

For more information, contact Illinois ResourceNet at info@illinoisresource.net.