

## Aubertine, SUNY Canton Launch North Country Grant Search

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Database of public and private grants available online to benefit nonprofits, municipalities, developers

WATERTOWN (January 21, 2010)—State Sen. Darrel J. Aubertine and SUNY Canton today launched the North Country Grant Search Web site, a working database of public and private grants designed to provide broad access to available funding for nonprofits, municipalities and economic developers.

"This new Web site is a new and powerful tool for local governments and nonprofits," Sen.

Aubertine said. "Now more than ever our Central and Northern New York municipalities and

nonprofits need the best tools at their disposal to take advantage of whatever state, federal and private funding is available. This site is a one-stop shop bringing together on one site the contact information for hundreds of foundations and agencies. The work SUNY Canton has done to make this site easy to use and accessible will go a long way toward ensuring that key projects and initiatives in our region have the funding they need to move forward."

"SUNY Canton is extremely excited to be working directly with Senator Aubertine and his office on the North Country Grant Search Web site," SUNY Canton President Joseph L. Kennedy said. "It is extremely important, especially during these difficult times, that everyone has access to the tools and resources available to locate additional funding sources. The website presents that opportunity."

The Senator, his staff and officials from SUNY Canton held a tutorial from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. today at the Best Western Carriage House Inn, Watertown, where more than 100 representatives from various non-profit organizations and municipalities, along with development experts and the general public observed demonstrations and engaged in a question and answer period to help maximize their use of this new Web site.

The web-based grant locator was designed and developed by SUNY Canton Web Designer Travis Smith. The grant-data was collected and researched with assistance from the college's Grant Coordinator Joanne Fassinger and Chief of Staff Ryan Deuel, who oversaw the project.

The Web site was made possible through a \$50,000 grant secured by Sen. Aubertine in 2006 while a member of the Assembly. The site will be accessible through the SUNY Canton Web site, Sen. Aubertine's Web site and the Web site for the Legislative Commission on Rural Resources.