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**SECRETARY OF STATE MARK RITCHIE TO SPEAK AT
MINNESOTA MARKETPLACE FOR ENTREPRENEURS**

MANKATO, Minn. (March 23, 2010) - Minnesota entrepreneurs will be able to access a variety of resources at one event - the Minnesota Marketplace for Entrepreneurs on **March 30** from noon – 7:00 pm at the Verizon Wireless Center in Mankato. The event is open at no charge to the public.

At 12:30 pm Minnesota Secretary of State Mark Ritchie will share a story of persistence and resilience that mirrors the entrepreneurial challenge and the courage needed to be successful.

The Minnesota Marketplace for Entrepreneurs will also include educational sessions and exhibitors showcasing their products and services for entrepreneurs. Those wishing to exhibit can visit mnmarketplace.org to register. Entrepreneurs will also have the opportunity to exhibit at the event at no charge and sell their products through a consignment store operated by the Minnesota State University, Mankato Entrepreneurship Club. The registration deadline for all exhibitors is **March 25**.

The Minnesota Marketplace for Entrepreneurs is presented by Bethany Lutheran College, Greater Mankato Business Accelerator, Minnesota Inventors Congress, Minnesota State University, Mankato, Riverbend Center for Entrepreneurial Facilitation, South Central College, South Central Small Business Development Center, Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation and the. This is the second year these organizations have collaborated to create this one comprehensive event for entrepreneurs.

For more information on the Minnesota Marketplace for Entrepreneurs event, please visit mnmarketplace.org.

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