

## Rate Your Community's Support for Entrepreneurs

### Moderate Community Readiness Test

Use this worksheet to explore and rate the ways that your community helps to identify, support and nurture entrepreneurs. Circle the response that indicates your agreement with each statement.

	Not at All		Somewhat		Very Strong
Community clubs or school activities promote entrepreneurship.	1	2	3	4	5
A Chamber of Commerce or Development Corporation helps local businesses get started and supports existing business expansion.	1	2	3	4	5
The public recognizes or acknowledges business achievement.	1	2	3	4	5
There is a program(s) that identifies and recognizes entrepreneurs in the area.	1	2	3	4	5
Our community has intergenerational mentoring by business owners and managers.	1	2	3	4	5
There are internship opportunities for local youth and young adults returning from college.	1	2	3	4	5
There are networks linking entrepreneurs to resources, e.g., capital, new employees, and strategic partners.	1	2	3	4	5
Our community has an environment that values and supports young people who are starting new businesses.	1	2	3	4	5
Entrepreneurial education is part of the K-12 curriculum.	1	2	3	4	5

## Center for Rural Entrepreneurship

	<b>Not at All</b>		<b>Somewhat</b>		<b>Very Strong</b>
Our community has an information resource center or person to help entrepreneurs develop their enterprises.	1	2	3	4	5
Entrepreneurs have access to affordable and professional legal, accounting and consulting services.	1	2	3	4	5
Our community has a business expansion and retention program.	1	2	3	4	5
Our community has access to financing resources supporting start-ups and expansions.	1	2	3	4	5
Entrepreneurship training is available locally.	1	2	3	4	5
The community has a microenterprise development program.	1	2	3	4	5

### **Total Score**

### **What the Score Means . . .**

**15 – 75 Range**

**60 to 75 Points = Very Ready**

**45 to 60 Points = Ready**

**30 to 45 Points = Some Work Needed to be Ready**

**15 to 30 Points = Not Ready – Work Needed**