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**UMKC Small Business & Technology Development Center Offers
Year-long Mentoring Program to Small-Company Leaders**

Applications are being accepted for a year-long mentoring and professional development program aimed at chief decision makers of small established businesses.

The third annual “**CEO Coaching & More...**” is set to start in January 2009, according to Carmen DeHart, director of the Small Business & Technology Development Center at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

“This program offers world-class training, networking, analysis and strategic coaching services to help entrepreneurial CEOs take their high-potential companies and careers to new heights,” says DeHart.

To qualify for the program participants must be their company’s chief decision maker. Also the company must be at least two years old, have a minimum of three full-time employees, and generate \$400,000 or more in annual sales. The program costs \$99 per month and requires a one-year commitment.

Among the benefits, participants will receive monthly one-on-one assistance from expert coaches; design a custom professional development plan; participate in six high-impact training

seminars; and form a PeerSpectives® peer-to-peer forum of fellow entrepreneurs for networking and peer coaching.

For more information or to apply contact the UMKC SBTDC, 4747 Troost, Kansas City, MO 64110; phone 816-235-6063; or e-mail umkcsbtdc@umkc.edu. Deadline for applying is Dec. 1, according to DeHart.

The program is a collaborative effort of the UMKC SBTDC and the Helzberg Entrepreneurial Mentoring Program at UMKC.

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