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KENTUCKY SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER

at *Western Kentucky University*

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<http://www.wku.edu/Dept/Support/AcadAffairs/IED/SBDC/>



Spotlighting SBDC Client

Boutique Aracely



Colombian born Maria Lopez and eight of her nine children became refugees from Colombia after her husband was killed in the political unrest. They went to Ecuador for two years and then came to Bowling Green as refugees. Upon arrival in Bowling Green on October 28, 2003 the International Center found them housing for four months, during this time they studied English and learned survival skills for living in the United States. After four months Maria and her family moved into the Housing Authority's residential area. Maria

became involved in the REACH HIGHER Program at the Housing Authority of Bowling Green. While involved with the REACH HIGHER Program, Maria worked at Emerson Car Parts and DESA.

While living in Quito, Ecuador Maria worked as a seamstress, a skill that she has continued to practice for friends and family. Maria's dream has been to open an alteration shop. This dream will come true on January 8, 2008.

Maria and Viviana (Maria's daughter) will open the doors on January 8. Maria has extensive experience with alterations, seamstress (sewing ladies apparel, dresses, suits, etc.), making wedding dresses and wedding party dresses, tailoring skills (men's clothing) and sewing window treatments. Maria's prices will be very competitive with the Bowling Green Market. We would like to encourage you to consider *Boutique Aracely* for your alterations and other services that Maria will offer.

Boutique Aracely 441A Webb Ave.

Spanish 270-793-2439---English 270-202-4874

POTENTIAL CONSTRUCTION SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

Cleveland Wrecking Company is soliciting bids for the Louisville Arena Abatement and Building Demolition a site Project.

Potential exists for trucking / hauling (tractor trailer), Certified Landfills, Concrete Cutting/ Sawing, Demolition Support and Heavy Equipment Rental, Refrigerant Recovery, Utility Abandonment (discontinue and cap above and below grade), Temporary Fencing, Dewatering, and other Project Support Services. Bids are due to Cleveland Wrecking on Jan 9, by noon EST. The project bids to Owner on January 10, 2008 at 2:00 P.M.

Participation of Minority and Women Owned Businesses encouraged. If you have any questions, please call Kelly Hammond at (800) 922-1160.

Plans and specifications are available for purchase from Don Meredith Co., 2434A Crittenden Drive, Louisville, Kentucky 40217; phone (502)636-0155.

Tax Benefits for Businesses Accommodating the Disabled

There are [tax benefits](#) in the form of credits and deductions for businesses that accommodate the disabled, including:

- Disabled Access Credit
- Architectural Barrier Removal Tax Deduction
- Work Opportunity Credit

If you have questions regarding taxes, you should be able to locate the answer at <http://www.irs.gov/> this may save a call to your accountant.

Seminars in January

Small Business Tax Workshop: This workshop will include the basic facts regarding taxes for the small business. Monday 1/14 6-8:00pm

Pre-Business Orientation: This seminar will provide information an individual needs to have prior to starting a business. Monday 1/28 6-9:00pm

All seminars conducted at the Housing Authority of Bowling Green, The Learning Center, 247 Double Springs Road.



Funded in part through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration. Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities will be made if requested at least two weeks in advance. Contact [Chris Bixler, 247 Double Springs Rd, (271)843-6071