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The Atlanta Chapter of SCORE, Counselors to America's Small Business, is expanding its services to the underserved western market in the metropolitan Atlanta area. Funded through a donation from The Wachovia Foundation, SCORE Atlanta is in process of identifying partners to implement the initiative.

News operations will include a location in Douglas or Carroll County, possibly with internet-based counseling, along with other on-site services for small business start-ups or expansions. SCORE satellite offices are located at Chambers of Commerce, bank branches, and library systems.

Currently SCORE Atlanta has operations downtown and in seven satellite locations. SCORE provides professional guidance and information, accessible to all, to maximize the success of America's existing and emerging small businesses and is a resource partner of the U.S. Small Business Administration.

"The Wachovia Foundation is proud to help fund SCORE Atlanta's western expansion because a strong and healthy entrepreneurial and small business community is essential to continued economic growth for the entire metro Atlanta area," said Bill Linginfelter, Wachovia's Georgia CEO.

SCORE Atlanta thanks The Wachovia Foundation for its donation, and its commitment to the community.

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