

The Entrepreneurial Free Agent and Dejobbed Small Business Applied R&D Lab
The “War College” of the Small Is Good Business Revolution
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Sohodojo Incorporates as Non-Profit R&D Lab, Rick Smyre Joins Board

RALEIGH, NC USA, July 19, 2001 - Sohodojo incorporated today as a non-profit applied research and development lab in North Carolina. **Sohodojo** will establish itself as a 501(C)(3) organization to pursue its mission of complementary R&D and outreach education focused on helping rural and distressed urban entrepreneurs to achieve sustainable enterprises based on Small Is Good organizing principles.

At founding, Rick Smyre of Gastonia, North Carolina joined **Sohodojo** founders Jim Salmons and Timlynn Babitsky of Raleigh, as **Sohodojo**'s Board of Directors.

“We are very pleased to have Rick Smyre on Sohodojo’s Board of Directors,” said Jim Salmons and Timlynn Babitsky, **Sohodojo**'s founders and Research Directors. “Rick is a creative futurist and an effective grassroots community organizer whose local, national and international work through Communities of the Future complements Sohodojo’s agenda.”

“Jim and Timlynn have been outstanding collaborators, helping me to organize and launch such projects as the North American Rural Futures Institute, the Global Rural Network Project and the Center for Process Leadership,” Smyre said. “I am pleased and proud to accept the third founding seat on the Sohodojo Board of Directors. I look forward to working with Timlynn and Jim to help Sohodojo achieve its fullest potential in service to entrepreneurs in rural and distressed urban communities.”

Sohodojo is a non-profit applied research and development laboratory supporting entrepreneurial free agents and dejobbed small businesses – the building blocks of *Small is Good Business Webs*. For more information, especially on the lab’s research and social action agendas, visit <http://sohodojo.com>.

Communities of the Future (COTF) is an evolving network of people and organizations throughout the U.S. and other countries that are working in collaboration to develop new concepts of governance, economic development, and education/learning for a fast-paced, interconnected, and increasingly complex society. See: <http://communitiesofthefuture.org>.

For more information, contact Timlynn Babitsky of **Sohodojo** or Rick Smyre of **Communities of the Future**.

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Sohodojo is dedicated to the exploration and development of innovative “Small Is Good” business models and their associated software technologies for rural and urban economic development in communities seeking sustainable futures. All technologies developed by the **Sohodojo TechSIG** are protected and made freely available under Open Source licenses.