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IESBDC TO PARTNER WITH U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO FOR SBA DAY & PROCUREMENT FAIR

INLAND EMPIRE, CA (March 31, 2008) - The Inland Empire Small Business Development Center is partnering with the U.S. Small Business Administration and County of San Bernardino for the ***SBA Day & Procurement Fair*** on Thursday, April 17, 2008. The event, hosted by the City of Ontario, will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Ontario Convention Center, 2000 Convention Center Way.



Small business owners will have the opportunity to meet one-on-one with local lenders and banks; interact directly with procurement officers with current contracting opportunities; and schedule appointments for no-cost, one-on-one business consulting with resources such as the Inland Empire SBDC and the Women's Business Center.

At this event, small business owners will have access to important resources and exciting workshops to learn more about financing options and procurement opportunities.

Workshops include:

- Financing Your Small Business
- Writing a Fundable Business Plan
- Basics of Selling to the Federal Government
- Federal Certifications
- Basics of Selling to the State and Local Government
- State and Local Certifications

A variety of both SBA and non-SBA lenders will be present including Citizens Business Bank, Banco Popular, Chino Commercial Bank, City National Bank, Community Bank of Nevada, Desert Community Bank, Enterprise Funding, Inland Empire Small Business FDC, Inland Community Bank, and PFF Bank & Trust.

Contracting officers from various agencies, including the County of San Bernardino, City of Ontario, and the US Small Business Administration, will be on hand to discuss procurement opportunities.

This is a no-cost event with complimentary parking. For additional information please contact the Inland Empire SBDC at 951.781.2345 x246. To register for the event, please visit www.sbcountybusiness.com.

About Inland Empire SBDC

The Inland Empire SBDC is a division of the Inland Empire Economic Partnership and is supported by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA).

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