

Tuesday, July 13, 2004

**BUSINESSES INVITED TO COUNTY WORKSHOP ON HOW TO ACCESS
GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS**

The Los Angeles County Office of Small Business (OSB) invites local businesses to attend one of its "Contracting Connections" workshops, which is a traveling series held throughout the County that aims to help businesses access government contracts. For example, businesses will learn about how to be certified as a small business, preference programs, and other informative tips on how to effectively do business with local, state, and federal agencies. The August 4th workshop will include special presentations related to the local manufacturing industry. The OSB is a division within the Los Angeles County Community Development Commission (CDC), which is the County's economic and community development and affordable housing agency.

The workshop is scheduled on Wednesday, August 4th, between 8:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. County Supervisor Don Knabe, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, who represents the Whittier-area, is scheduled to speak at 9:00 a.m. on the successes of the OSB's small business assistance programs. The workshop will be held at the Radisson Hotel, located at 7320 Greenleaf Avenue in Whittier. Admission and parking are free. Individuals may obtain more information and register by calling 323-260-2311 or visiting the OSB's Web site (www.laosb.org).

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