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GO-BIZ HOSTS FRESNO SMALL BUSINESS WORKING LUNCH

California's Top Small Business Official Speaks to Local Business Owners about Healthcare, Training Funds and more

The Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) and the Valley Small Business Development Corporation today hosted a working lunch for small business owners in the Fresno area and provided information on federal healthcare compliance, workforce training funds and state resources to help grow businesses. Over 50 local small business owners attended the event held at the U.S. Small Business Administration office in Fresno.

"This event is an opportunity to engage small business owners in a dialogue and give them more resources to operate their business," said GO-Biz Small Business Advocate, Barbara A. Vohryzek. "GO-Biz plans on holding these workshops across the state and Fresno is the first stop because it represents an area of critical importance to the Central Valley and the state as a whole."

Other presenters included Michael Lujan from the Health Benefit Exchange, newly named as Covered California, who explained how the President's Affordable Care Act will affect small businesses in California. As well as Robert Meyer from the state Employment Training Panel who provided information on how small business owners can qualify for employment training funds.

The Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) serves as California's single point of contact for economic development and job creation efforts. GO-Biz offers a range of services to business owners including: attraction, retention and expansion services, site selection, permit streamlining, clearing of regulatory hurdles, small business assistance, international trade development, assistance with state government, and much more. For more information visit: www.business.ca.gov.

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