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GRANTS FOR DRY CLEANERS, ADVOCACY FOR SMALL BUSINESSES FROM THE
AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AT THE

3RD ANNUAL SBA FAITH BASED SMALL BUSINESS SUMMIT

Thursday, October 14, 2010

September 27, 2010 – The South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) is teaming up with AmPac Tri State CDC, the U.S. Small Business Administration, the Inland Empire Women Business Center, and the Inland Empire Small Business Development Center to demonstrate its advocacy for small businesses and faith based entities at the Third Annual SBA Faith Based Small Business Summit on Thursday, October 14, 2010 at the Ontario Convention Center from 7:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Often recognized for its regulatory role in enforcing air quality provisions with businesses, the

AQMD is teaming up with four small business champions to conduct an Air Quality Institute to assist businesses with regulatory questions, to share information for dry cleaners on up to \$10,000 in grant funds, and to provide information on green technology. AQMD will have engineers on site during the loan fair to meet one-on-one with businesses with specific air quality questions or regulatory issues. Registration and sponsorships are available at www.tristatecdc.com.

The Third Annual Faith Based Small Business Summit will kick-off with a panel discussion featuring retailer Aurelio Baretto - Not of This World Clothing; Justin Young - Chick Fil A; Bill Cortus – Thrivent Financial; and Medhat Gorgy, Pyramid Laboratories, Inc. These business owners will share their struggles and successes in business and how their faith shaped their business values, customer service, relationships with vendors and their accomplishments in business. Following the opening session, the Summit will include concurrent workshops for businesses, non-profits and faith based organizations. In addition to the AQMD workshop, other workshops will include “The Real Deal on Accessing Capital”; “Utilizing SBA Online Resources for 24-Hour Assistance in Growing Your Business”; “Tax Strategies for Taking Your Business to the Next Level”; “Shall I Be a Non-Profit or For-Profit or Can I do Both.”

For Pastors and Faith Based leaders, Jerry Flavin from the White House Office of Faith Based Programs and Neighborhood Partnerships will moderate a panel comprised of

invited federal agencies, including SBA, SCORE, The Air Quality Management District, Department of Health & Human Services and the Department of Agriculture. The panel will provide faith based leaders information on special programs and resources these agencies have that could benefit the faith based community.

After lunch, Keynote Speaker, Dr. Lula Ballton, will share insight on “How to Connect Faith & Business.” Dr. Ballton is the Executive Director of West Angeles Community Development Corporation, which has developed more than \$50 Million in real estate, and provides an array of programs to promote job creation, and address poverty and injustice its neighboring community in South Los Angeles.

Businesses, non-profits and faith based organizations are encouraged to attend the SBA Faith Based Small Business Summit where we will “Connect Faith & Business.” AmPac CDC and its small business partners salute the South Coast Air Quality Management District, the Platinum Sponsor; California Bank and Trust, for the third year, a Gold Sponsor; Union Bank, a Silver Sponsor; City of Ontario, Bronze Sponsor, and City National Bank, Steel Sponsor. The sponsorships help to keep costs low so that businesses needing assistance can receive a day of information-packed material. The discounted registration cost is only \$50 for registration before October 1st and includes continental breakfast and lunch, and admission to all workshops, as well as the afternoon loan fair. Registration and sponsorship opportunities are available today by visiting www.tristatecdc.com.