

MAKE THE CONNECTION BETWEEN FAITH & BUSINESS
4TH ANNUAL SBA FAITH BASED SMALL BUSINESS SUMMIT
Thursday, October 13, 2011

Ontario, CA- August 30, 2011 – AmPac Tri State Certified Development Company, along with the U.S. Small Business Administration, the Inland Empire Women’s Business Center, and the Inland Empire Small Business Development Center, and in partnership with the City of Ontario, California Bank & Trust and a host of other supporters, will hold the Fourth Annual SBA Faith Based Small Business Summit on Thursday, October 14, 2010 at the Ontario Convention Center from 7:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. This year’s Summit seeks to guide businesses in expanding their business sales potential, focusing on international trade, government and private sector contracting. For faith based leaders, the representative from the White House Office of Faith Based Programs and Neighborhood Partnership, Jerry Flavin will discuss how faith based organizations can become micro lenders, providing micro loans for small businesses. Registration and sponsorships are available by going to the website at www.iewbc.org.

The Fourth Annual Faith Based Small Business Summit will include concurrent workshops for businesses, non-profits and faith based organizations. The workshops will include “Thinking Outside the Box – Exploring Options for Expanding Your Business – International Trade and Government Contracting;” “Launching and Growing Your Business – Sales, Marketing, Business Planning, Finance,” “Accessing Capital for Growing Your Business -- Angel/Venture Capital, SBA Financial, Bank Financing, Non-Traditional Lenders.” The program will also include hands on opportunities for participants to meet one-on-one with lenders, private and government contractors; and related organizations.

After lunch, invited Keynote Speaker, Marie Johns, Deputy Administrator from the US Small Business Administration, will discuss SBA’s efforts in connecting faith and business and the ongoing strategies of the SBA in serving businesses within underserved communities. Johns was nominated by President Obama on December 17th, 2009 and confirmed by unanimous consent in the Senate on June 22nd, 2010.

Prior to becoming Deputy Administrator, Johns was the Managing Member of L&L Consulting, LLC, an organizational effectiveness and public policy consulting practice. Previously, she served as President of Verizon Washington, where she was responsible for nearly 2000 employees and more than 800,000 customers, including many small businesses. Johns worked to develop products and services to meet the needs of Verizon’s small business customers, and worked closely with Verizon’s vendors, suppliers, and subcontractors, some of whom were SBA borrowers. She retired from Verizon in 2004 after 21 years of service in the telecommunications industry.

Johns has a long record of business and civic leadership. She is the founder of the Washington DC Technology Council, former chair of Leadership Greater Washington, and a member of the board of the Girl Scouts USA. Johns served for 10 years as a trustee at Howard University, where she chaired the Academic Excellence Committee. Johns also served as the founding chair of the Howard University Middle School of Mathematics and Science.

Businesses, non-profits and faith based organizations are encouraged to attend the SBA Faith Based Small Business Summit where we will "Connect Faith & Business." California Bank and Trust, for the fourth year in a row is a Gold Sponsor; and the City of Ontario, in its fourth year is a Silver Sponsor. The discounted registration cost is only \$50 for registration before September 15th. Registration and sponsorship opportunities are available today by visiting www.iewbc.org or call 909-915-1706 for more information.