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El Camino College SBDC to Host Procurement Conference
City of Compton
The SBA's Premier and Authorized SBDC Service Center for the City of Compton

The El Camino College Small Business Development Center (SBDC) is hosting a Procurement Conference in the City of Compton for the small business community from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. on Tuesday, March 27, 2007 at the Compton CareerLink WorkSource Center at 700 North Bullis Road in Compton.

Panelists are procurement industry experts from the City of Compton Public Works Department, the Los Angeles World Airport, the Port of Los Angeles Contracts and Purchasing Division, County of Los Angeles Procurement Technical Assistance Center, Metropolitan Water District, and the Small Business Development Center at El Camino College.

This conference is the second phase of events brought to the City of Compton from the El Camino College SBDC serving as a conduit that connects contracting resources to the small business and entrepreneurship community. Procurement industry experts will provide an overview of the various contracting opportunities available to entrepreneurs and business owners, upon completion of the conference, entrepreneurs and small business owners will be able to meet with SBDC business counselors for one-on-one "no cost" confidential counseling assistance with service customization that will lead to getting their businesses certified as a supplier or vendor as well as receiving notifications of Request for Proposals (RFPs).

Admission to the conference is free, and breakfast and lunch will be provided. To reserve a seat, please call the El Camino College SBDC at 310-973-3177, or register online at www.southbaysbdc.org, no later than March 23, 2007. Seats are limited. For information on the SBDC Program, visit online at www.sba.gov/sbdc, or contact Alex Vaughan, Director of the Small Business Development Center at the El Camino College Business Training Center at 310-973-3177.

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