

Capital for Texas Small Business Forum

Thursday, May 5, 2016

- 8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. General Registration – **Capitol Auditorium**
- 8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Formal Introductions
- 9:00 a.m. – 9:40 a.m. Opening Remarks
Yolanda Garcia Olivarez, Regional Administrator
U.S. Small Business Administration

Commissioner Sid Miller
Texas Department of Agriculture

Brad Napp, Small Business Advocate
Economic Development & Tourism
Office of the Governor, State of Texas
- 9:40 a.m. – 9:55 a.m. Welcoming Remarks
The Honorable Borris Miles
Texas House of Representatives
- 9:55 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Program Highlights and Acknowledgements
Dinita Caldwell, Director of HUB/MWBE Programs
Texas Department of Agriculture
- 10:00 a.m. – 10:20 a.m. Special Presentation to C4T Partners
Commissioner Sid Miller
Texas Department of Agriculture

Karen Reichel, Director for Contracts and Grants
Texas Department of Agriculture
- 10:20 a.m. – 11:05 a.m. Panel Session – Capital for Texas Loan Program
Gary Lindner, President & CEO
PeopleFund

Adriana H. Briggs, Chief Strategy Officer
LiftFund, Inc.

Raquel Valdez, Chief Operations Officer
Business & Community Lenders of Texas
- 11:05 a.m. – 11:20 a.m. Question and Answer Session
- 11:20 a.m. – 11:35 a.m. The Top Five Ways to Stay Inspired to Grow Your Small Business
Helen Callier, President
Bradlink, LLC
- 11:35 a.m. – 12:20 p.m. **Lunch at the Capitol Grill**

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12:20 p.m. – 12:45 p.m. Small Business Administration HUBZone Program
Don C. Owens, Business Opportunity Specialist
U.S. Small Business Administration, San Antonio District Office

The Historically Underutilized Business Zones (HUBZone) program helps small businesses in urban and rural communities gain preferential access to federal procurement opportunities.

12:45 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. Business Opportunities and Certification 101
Ricky Allen, Business Development Counselor
City of Austin

In this session, businesses will learn how to become certified as an SBE, WBE, MBE, DBE, & HUB and how to leverage their certifications effectively.

Legislative Conference Center Capitol Extension

1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. Power Networking Exhibitors

- PeopleFund, LiftFund, Inc., BCL of Texas
- Office of the Governor, Economic Development & Tourism
- Texas Veterans Commission
- City of Austin Small & Minority Business Resources
- Texas Department of Agriculture GO TEXAN Program
- Texas Department of Agriculture Trade & Business Development
- Texas Department of Agriculture HUB/MWBE Program
- Texas Department of Agriculture Community Development and Block Grant Program
- U.S. Small Business Administration HUBZone Program
- Houston Minority Supplier Development Council
- Dallas/Fort Worth Minority Supplier Development Council
- Southwest Minority Supplier Development Council
- Tri-County Regional Black Chamber of Commerce

2:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Small Business Appreciation Raffle Drawing