Office of Equal Business Opportunity Offers Teleconference Series, "Tuesday's Tips," to Keep Businesses in the Loop

Each week, the Palm Beach County Office of Equal Business Opportunity (OEBO) hosts "Tuesday's Tips," a teleconference series created to provide up-to-date information to the small business community. This series includes information on topics relevant to small businesses amid the COVID-19 crisis such as funding opportunities, taxes and accounting, legal issues, and strategic planning and marketing.

The next edition of "Tuesday's Tips," *The Comeback: What to Expect*, will be on May 12, 2020. Guest speakers are:

- Ashley D. Bell, regional administrator, U.S. Small Business Administrator, Region IV
- Jamal Sowell, Florida secretary of commerce, president & CEO, Enterprise Florida
- Mack Bernard, commissioner, Palm Beach County
- Kelly Smallridge, president & CEO, Business Development Board of Palm Beach County

Small businesses throughout Palm Beach County are struggling to navigate the uncertainty of COVID-19. Businesses have had to shift to operating outside of the normal, and so many questions remain unanswered... How do I maintain financially? What loans are available to me now, how do I get them, and when do I have to repay them? What happens when this is over?

"This teleconference series is for Small/Minority/Women businesses owners to find answers to the questions they have about functioning in this 'new normal'," said Tonya Davis Johnson, director of the Palm Beach County Office of Equal Business Opportunity. "Through this forum, our office is committed to providing our business community the most up-to-date, pertinent information possible."

"Tuesday's Tips" takes place every Tuesday at 1 p.m. Anyone interested can dial in to (929) 205-6099, Meeting ID: 411 263 931. Participants may email questions for the guest speakers to asmith5@pbcgov.org.

For more information, please call 561-712-6671 or email oebo@pbcgov.org. You may also visit the website for updates, http://discover.pbcgov.org/oebo/Pages/default.aspx.

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Join the SBA Team:

Employment opportunities to support SBA's COVID-19 pandemic response





The SBA is hiring temporary employees to assist with disaster relief efforts during these unprecedented times. The positions include:

- Call Center Customer Service Representative
- Document Preparation/Legal Review/Loan Closings
- Loan Processing/Credit Analysis/Mortgage Underwriting
- Program Support

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Beware of Scams and Fraud Schemes

The Office of Inspector General recognizes that we are facing unprecedented times and is alerting the public about potential fraud schemes related to economic stimulus programs offered by the U.S. Small Business Administration in response to the Novel Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19). The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, the largest financial assistance bill to date, includes provisions to help small

businesses. Fraudsters have already begun targeting small business owners during these economically difficult times. **Be on the lookout for grant fraud, loan fraud, and phishing.**

Learn more



COVID-19 Health Insurance Resources

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services have published the following updated COVID-19 health insurance resources for businesses:

- Tip sheet on health coverage options
- Marketplace FAQs
- Additional resources



Federal Coronavirus Resources

State, local, and federal agencies are working together to maintain the safety, security, and health of the American people. Check out <u>coronavirus.gov</u> for updates from the White House's Coronavirus (COVID-19) Task Force. Go to <u>cdc.gov</u> for detailed information about COVID-19 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Learn more about the federal government's response



Virtual Mentoring and Training

Offices around the country may be closed to the Coronavirus pandemic, but SCORE, Small Business Development Centers, Women's Business Centers, and Veterans Business Outreach Centers and other resource partners are providing free business mentoring and training by phone, email, and video.

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