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Congresswoman Matsui Hosts Small Business Lending “Speed Dating” Workshop

SACRAMENTO, CA – Today, Congresswoman Doris Matsui hosted a “Small Business Access to Capital Workshop” at the Small Business Administration’s (SBA) regional office in Citrus Heights. The workshop provided small business owners an opportunity to meet with a dozen small business lenders and resource organizations from around the region to discuss issues facing them as they apply for expansion and operating loans.

“As we continue to put Sacramento’s economy on the path to recovery, this workshop will give small business owners the opportunity to sit down with lenders and learn how to competitively position themselves for loans,” said Congresswoman Matsui. “Small businesses are the backbone of our economy, and we are relying on them to create jobs and nurture our recovery. Right now, supporting Sacramento’s small business community is one of the best things we all can do to revitalize our region and put people back to work.”

Congresswoman Matsui’s office hosted the workshop with the assistance of the SBA, the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE), the Greater Sacramento Small Business Development Center, and the numerous participating lenders and resource organizations from around the region.

“In these trying economic times it is always prudent for business owners to have full knowledge of their options when it comes to access to capital,” said Jim O’Neal, SBA Sacramento District Director. “This forum sponsored by Congresswoman Matsui offers a unique opportunity to get first-hand input from a number of lenders and technical assistance providers in one location.”

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