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Rep. Doris Matsui Announces Small Business Opportunities Workshop

Event Will Help Sacramento Businesses Benefit from Federal Grants and Newly Announced Recovery Act Funds

SACRAMENTO, CA – In order to assist local small businesses in tough economic times, Congresswoman Doris O. Matsui (D-Sacramento) announced that she will be hosting a Small Business Opportunities Workshop for local businesses on Tuesday, June 30th at the Sacramento State Alumni Center. The workshop's objective is to help small business owners learn more about the resources available to them, including newly announced funds made available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), and understand how to contract with the federal government.

“Small businesses are the heart of the Sacramento economy,” said Representative Matsui. “We rely on small businesses to create jobs, develop innovative products, and provide necessary services. Our region's economic vitality hinges on their success, and I am pleased to host this Small Business Opportunities Workshop to provide local businesses with the resources they need to take advantage of the federal funds coming into the Sacramento region.”

The morning workshop will cover topics such as:

- Helping Your Small Business Obtain Financing
- Understanding How the Stimulus Bill Affects Small Businesses
- How to Become Certified by the Federal Government
- How to Contract with Federal Agencies
- How to Access Business Counseling Resources

The event will include presentations from representatives of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), U.S. Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) and The Federal Technology Center (FTC). Representatives from the General Services Administration (GSA) and Veteran Affairs Northern California Health Care System (VA-NCHCS) will also give

presentations on how they, as government agencies, work with small businesses. A representative from the Department of Labor (DOL) will also give a presentation on their Green Jobs initiative and business employment related programs.

WHAT: Small Business Opportunities Workshop Hosted by Rep. Doris Matsui

WHO: Congresswoman Doris O. Matsui, Representatives from Local and Federal Agencies, Sacramento Small Business Leaders

WHEN: Tuesday, June 30, 2009, 9:00AM – 12:30PM

WHERE: Sacramento State Alumni Center, 6000 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95819

Small business and businesses must RSVP to Congresswoman Matsui's Sacramento office at (916) 498-5600 as space is limited. Directions and parking passes will be provided upon RSVP.

Members of the press are asked to RSVP to Mara Lee, mara.lee@mail.house.gov or (202) 225-7163.

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