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Michelle Steel Announces Online Educational and Learning Products

Michelle Steel, Third District Member of the State Board of Equalization (BOE), today announced the expansion of its available online educational products to include the virtual replication of Small Business Fairs and Seminars for Nonprofit Organizations.

These online products are a cost effective, convenient way for taxpayers to learn about the BOE tax programs and how to comply with California tax laws. The virtual seminars are designed specifically to enhance the in-person attention taxpayers can get through sales and use tax classes offered in BOE offices, and seminars offered throughout the state.

The BOE will soon offer a total virtual one-stop-shop option for Small Business Fairs and Nonprofit Seminars. The site will include links to our seminar partners: Franchise Tax Board, Internal Revenue Service, Employment Development Department, U.S. Small Business Administration, and other local, state and federal agencies. The site will offer contact information, presentations, videos, audio recordings and more.

The BOE will provide to our community partners, online educational and learning product training and facilitation guides on how to use the products as a convenient resource. In turn, the community partners will be capable of assisting their clients in using the BOE online products.

Virtual seminars are currently available for the following five programs:

- [Basic Sales & Use Tax](#)
- [Nonprofit Organizations](#)
- [Small Business Fairs](#)
- [eFile](#)
- [Retail Sales of Cigarettes and Tobacco Products](#)

For more information on the BOE online tutorials, visit <http://www.boe.ca.gov/sutax/tpsched.htm>

Elected to the Board of Equalization in 2006, Michelle Steel serves as Southern California's elected taxpayer advocate. In 2008, Steel uncovered a \$42 million mistake in the agency's sales tax refund procedures. Following her investigation, the tax agency refunded tax security deposits to over 5,500 small businesses.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization (BOE) is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects more than \$53 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit www.taxes.ca.gov.

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