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## **MIGDEN ANNOUNCES FREE HELP FOR BAY AREA SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS**

Are you a business owner who is feeling overwhelmed by tax laws and reporting requirements? Perhaps you're unsure if you can claim exemptions, or perhaps you would like to know the difference between an employee and an independent contractor. Well, help is on the way. Carole Migden, Chairwoman, State Board of Equalization (BOE), announced today that several federal, state, and local government agencies will team up to offer a free, one-day tax fair to San Francisco area small businesses.

Here's your chance to attend a variety of free seminars and talk to the experts. Representatives of the BOE, Employment Development Department, Franchise Tax Board, Internal Revenue Service, Small Business Administration, as well as other local, state, and federal agencies, will be present to answer your questions. If you are a small business owner, you won't want to miss this opportunity.

**Date:** Friday, May 21, 2004  
**Time:** 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
**Place:** Hiram Johnson State Building  
455 Golden Gate Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102-3645

The small business fair will begin at 8:30 a.m. with opening remarks by Chairwoman Migden. The fair will include general information sessions, as well as workshops tailored to meet the needs of the small business owner.

Topics to be presented include:

- Sales and Use Tax Basics
- State Income Tax and Small Business
- Construction Contractor Seminar
- Business Expenses/Recordkeeping, IRS
- Employee or Independent Contractor
- Home-Based Business

For more information or to obtain a brochure, please call (415) 356-6113; or visit the BOE website at <http://www.boe.ca.gov/> and click on [Free Seminars](#) under "Meet with Us" on the left-hand side of the home page.

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