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## **HELP FOR CHICO 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 maybe you just want to know what to do when the Board of Equalization Auditor calls. Well, help is on the way. Bill Leonard, Member, 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 Chico 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 Development Center, 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, February 21, 2003  
**Time:** 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
**Place:** Holiday Inn  
685 Manzanita Ct., Chico, CA 95926

The small business fair will begin at 8:30 a.m. with registration, followed at 9:00 a.m. with opening remarks by Mr. Leonard. The fair will include general information sessions, as well as workshops tailored to suit the needs of the small business owner.

Topics to be presented include:

- Sales and Use Tax Preparation/Exemptions
- Payroll Reporting/Deposit Requirements
- Employee vs. Independent Contractor
- What To Do When the BOE Auditor Calls
- State Income Tax and Small Business
- Know Your Rights: Problem Resolution
- Business Property Taxes

For more information or to obtain a brochure, please call (916) 227-1882; or visit the BOE website at [www.boe.ca.gov](http://www.boe.ca.gov) and click on [Free Seminars](#) under the "Featured Links" column on the right-hand side of the home page.

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