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## **HELP FOR RIVERSIDE 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're having trouble understanding your business property statement. Well, help is on the way! Claude Parrish, Vice Chairman, 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 Riverside 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, March 21, 2003  
**Time:** 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
**Place:** Riverside Convention Center  
3443 Orange Street  
Riverside, CA 92501

The small business fair will begin at 8:00 a.m. with registration. Opening remarks will be by Mr. Parrish at 8:30 a.m. The fair will include general information sessions, as well as workshops tailored to suit the needs of the small business owner. There will be several workshops offered in Spanish.

Topics to be presented include:

- State and Federal Reporting and Depositing Requirements
- Preparing a Sales and Use Tax Return
- Understanding Your 2003 Business Property Statement
- Small Business and Income Taxes
- IRS/EDD Employment Tax Responsibilities
- Business Plans, Financing, and Permits
- What is the Value of Having State Disability Insurance?

For more information or to obtain a brochure, please call (909) 680-6705; 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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