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**LEONARD ANNOUNCES FREE HELP FOR
CENTRAL VALLEY SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS**

Bill Leonard, Member, State Board of Equalization, is hosting a free tax fair for Central Valley (Visalia) area small businesses on Thursday, May 13, 2004, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Lamp Liter Inn, 3300 West Mineral King Avenue, Visalia.

“Many small business owners are overwhelmed by tax laws and reporting requirements. This fair brings together the state, federal, and local government representatives who can answer questions and help small business owners through the red tape,” said Board Member Leonard.

The fair will include presentations by Board of Equalization, Employment Development Department, Franchise Tax Board, Internal Revenue Service, Small Business Administration, as well as other local, state, and federal agencies.

The small business fair will begin at 7:45 a.m. with registration, followed at 8:00 a.m. with opening remarks by Mr. Leonard. 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:

- Return Preparation: Allowable Sales Tax Deductions
- Common Errors and Problems in Sales Tax Reporting
- Sales and Use Tax for Construction Contractors
- Electronic Federal Tax Payment System, IRS
- State Income Tax and Small Business, FTB
- Payroll Reporting Requirements, EDD
- How to Start and Manage Your Business
- Financing Your Business

For more information or to obtain a brochure, please call (559) 248-4200; or visit the BOE website at 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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