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LEONARD ANNOUNCES FREE HELP FOR NORTHERN CALIFORNIA SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS

Bill Leonard, Member, State Board of Equalization, is hosting a free one-day tax fair for Northern California (Redding) area small businesses on Thursday, May 20, 2004, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Red Lion Hotel, 1830 Hilltop Drive, Redding.

“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 8:00 a.m. with registration, followed at 8:30 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:

- Sales and Use Tax Return Preparation
- Construction Contractor Sales and Use Tax Seminar
- Electronic Federal Filing and Payments System, IRS
- Federal Taxes and Small Business, IRS
- State Income Tax and Small Business, FTB
- Employee vs. Independent Contractor, EDD
- Identify Theft
- Financing Your Small Business

For more information or to obtain a brochure, please call (530) 224-4886; 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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