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FREE HELP FOR MARIN 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 Marin 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: Thursday, September 18, 2003

Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Place: Embassy Suites Hotel
101 McInnis Parkway
San Rafael, CA 94903

Registration for the small business fair will begin at 9:00 a.m. followed with opening remarks by Chairwoman Migden at 9:30 a.m. 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 Basics
- State Income Tax and Small Business
- IRS Running a Home Based Business
- Employee or Independent Contractor
- Understanding Your Business Property Statement
- Identification of Immigration Documents

For more information or to obtain a brochure, please call (707) 576-2300 or (415) 356-6616; or visit the BOE website at www.boe.ca.gov and click on [Free Seminars](#) under the "Featured Links" column on the right-hand side of the BOE home page.