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FREE HELP FOR VENTURA SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS

Bill Leonard, Member, State Board of Equalization, is hosting a free, one-day tax fair for Ventura area small businesses on Tuesday, October 7, 2003, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel, 600 E. Esplanade Drive, Oxnard.

“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 the 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 suit the needs of the small business owner.

Topics to be presented include:

- Preparing a Sales and Use Tax Return
- What to Expect When the Sales and Use Tax Auditor Calls
- Understanding Your Business Property Statement
- Small Business and State Income Taxes
- Record Keeping, IRS
- Employee or Independent Contractor
- Labor Law Update

For more information or to obtain a brochure, please call (805) 677-2771; 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 home page.

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