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PUC GEARING UP FOR RIVERSIDE SMALL BUSINESS EXPO

SAN FRANCISCO, July 19, 2006 -- The California Public Utilities Commission (PUC), in its continuing efforts to connect small business owners with project managers and contractors from California's major and local utility companies, is holding a free Small Business Expo in Riverside led by Commissioner John Bohn.

"These Small Business Expos bring small businesses and utilities together for contracting opportunities," said PUC Commissioner John Bohn. "Small businesses provide jobs and are the real engines of economic growth and development. These expos will open the door to new opportunities for small businesses across the state."

WHEN

Thursday, July 27, 2006
7 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

WHERE

Elks Lodge No. 643
6166 Brockton Ave., Riverside

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

7-7:30 a.m.: Registration and matchmaking signups
7:30-8:30 a.m.: Presentations and Q&A
8:30-11:30 a.m.: Matchmaking session

PARKING

Onsite parking is free

CONFIRMED PARTICIPANTS

- AT&T
- California Water Service Association
- Cingular
- Employment Development Department
- Internal Revenue Service
- Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
- Pacific Gas and Electric Company
- Sempra Energy Utilities (includes San Diego Gas and Electric Company and Southern California Gas Company)
- T-Mobile
- U.S. Small Business Administration
- Verizon Communications/Verizon Wireless

Small business owners are encouraged to pre-register at:

<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/events/RegisterIntro.asp?EventID=4>.

For more information on the Expos, please visit

<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/static/expos/index.htm> or call Sheri Boles, Assistant Public Advisor, at 415.703-2442.

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