

THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

## City Planning & Community Investment Economic Development Division Office of Small Business

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## **City to Spotlight Contracting Opportunities at Annual Small Business Outreach Meeting**

SAN DIEGO – The City of San Diego will be showcasing contracting opportunities for the small business community at the annual public outreach meeting of the City's Small Business Advisory Board on **Wednesday, August 27, 2008.** Businesses will learn how to contract with the City for a wide range of services and products. Attendees are also encouraged to address concerns that affect their ability to do business in the City, from fees and regulations to permits and availability of assistance programs.

The public outreach meeting will be held from **9:00 a.m.** to **10:30 a.m.** at the **former Naval Training Center – Liberty Station, Command Center Building (Room 1) at 2640 Historic Decatur Road.** 

The Small Business Advisory Board works with City staff to advocate for small business concerns relating to City regulations and processes to enhance the capability for small business to succeed in San Diego. Recent successes for the small business community, facilitated by the Board, include the establishment of relaxed sign code enforcement during major construction projects and the collaborative development (with the Police Department) of an ordinance to deal with the City's large number of false alarms.

Board members are appointed by the Mayor and include leaders in the business community and representatives of key small business organizations, such as the U.S. Small Business Administration and the CDC Small Business Finance Corporation.

The City's Economic Development Division provides staff support to the Board through its Office of Small Business. For more information, contact the City of San Diego's Office of Small Business at (619) 236-6505 or visit the City's website at www.sandiego.gov/economic-development.