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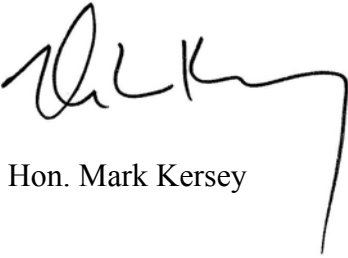


Yesterday the Council's Infrastructure Committee met for the second time and discussed a range of issues, including community input and asset management practices. Asset management is a hot topic in the wake of three major water main bursts last week. One of the pipes that ruptured was 102 years old—it was installed while William Howard Taft was President!

The Committee voted to create a citywide asset management policy that will work to prevent such lapses in the future, in our water system and all other asset groups. The Committee also voted to create a community input policy, to insure residents have a say in how the City prioritizes projects.

Below I've included a list of free events and resources for small business owners. As a small business owner myself, I understand the challenges they face.

Best,



Hon. Mark Kersey

Airport Authority Small Business Opportunity Awareness Event
March 6, March 27, April 3, April 17

The San Diego County Regional Airport Authority is starting a series of major improvements on the north side of San Diego International Airport. More than \$300 million in contract opportunities will soon be available. Dozens of trades are needed.

Awareness events will be held in four different areas of the County. Each will provide the opportunity to learn about project timelines, milestones, prequalification, bonding and steps for success.

For more details or to register, visit
<http://www.san.org/sdcraa/business/northside/default.aspx>

Caltrans 9th Annual Procurement Fair
Wednesday, March 20, 2013

The Procurement Fair gives vendors, particularly certified Small Businesses, Disabled Veterans Business Enterprises and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, a forum in which to meet with buyers from the State and other public agencies. Caltrans and other agency buyers will be looking for commodity and service leads as well as sharing upcoming contract opportunities. There will also be networking opportunities and workshops.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2013
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Balboa Park Club (Ballroom)

2150 Pan American Road West
San Diego, CA 92101

For a list of confirmed agency exhibitors or to register, visit:

<http://sdprocurementfair.eventbrite.com>

Small Business Boot Camp

Saturday, March 16, 2013

Accion San Diego presents the Small Business Boot Camp for owners of start-up ventures and growing businesses. This event will feature an extensive resource center, networking opportunities, and two specialized programs led by a team of small business coaches. The Start-Up Program is specially designed for new and aspiring business owners, while the Growth Program is for seasoned business owners. The event is free and includes materials, parking, and catered continental breakfast.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2013

8:00 am to 12:00 pm

Joe & Vi Jacobs Center, Celebration Hall (Ground Level)

404 Euclid Avenue

San Diego, CA 92102

To register, click [here](#).

Small Business Health Tax Credit

As the March 15 corporate tax filing deadline approaches, small businesses should be aware they can reduce their federal tax burden if they provide health insurance to their employees. The Small Business Healthcare Tax Credit, a provision of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), is available now and was designed to encourage both small businesses and tax-exempt employers to maintain existing coverage or offer health insurance to their employees for the first time. To be eligible for the credit, the business must have 25 or fewer employees, an average annual wage of less than \$50,000 and pay at least 50 percent of the employees' insurance premiums.

For more information on the tax credit and business-specific information about the implementation of the health care law, visit

www.HealthLawGuideforBusiness.org/taxcredits.