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Event offers tools for small-business success

(Portland) — The Oregon Small Business Fair, for small-business owners and those thinking about becoming small-business owners, will be Saturday, Sept. 16, 8 a.m.- 3 p.m. at the Oregon Convention Center, 777 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., in Portland.

The free event, sponsored by local, state, and federal agencies and nonprofit organizations, offers the following 45-minute workshops and more, taught by agency and business experts, attorneys, and CPAs:

- Turning a dream into reality
- What business is best for you
- Web site magic
- Licenses, taxes, and regulations
- QuickBooks™
- The art of selling
- Controlling your advisers
- E-commerce
- Tips for construction contractors
- Money ... get it for your business
- Home business and home office tax issues
- Legal preventive medicine
- Business plans
- Marketing your business
- Record keeping
- Obtaining and protecting your business name
- The future of business
- How to advertise your business

One of the fair's sponsors, Palo Alto Software, will be providing copies of its Business Plan Pro software.

Oregon businesses were assessed penalties totaling more than \$10 million for noncompliance with various laws and regulations in 2005. This fair provides information that will help businesses comply with laws and regulations.

Another free fair, the Southern Oregon Business Resource Fair, will be held in Medford, Saturday, Oct. 14, 10 a.m.-4 p.m at Rogue Community College. For information, call (541) 776-6060, ext. 233.

For more information about the Oregon Small Business Fair, call (503) 329-4260 or visit www.oregonbizfair.org.

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