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SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE CENTER
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May/June 2012

Save the Date
Certified Indian-Owned Business Fair
Thursday, Nov. 1, 2012
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Hard Rock Hotel and Casino
RSVP @ www.cherokeetero.com/news

Stephen Highers joined the staff of the Cherokee Nation Small Business Assistance Center as the Entrepreneur Development Manager. Stephen joined the team in April and looks forward to working with our Cherokee Nation TERO venders and citizens to help foster and grow our small business community and entrepreneurs within the Cherokee Nation. Prior to working with the SBAC., Stephen was a district representative for U.S. Congressman Dan Boren, working extensively with communities and businesses in Eastern Oklahoma.

Contact Stephen via email at stephen-highers@cherokee.org or 918-207-3955

2012 Certified Indian-Owned Business Fair

It is that time of year again! The Small Business Assistance Center is busy planning the Certified Indian-Owned Business Fair to be held on Thursday, November 1, at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino. Registration for the event is available online at www.cherokeetero.com!

Over 100 businesses owned by Native Americans will come together to network and establish business relationships with other Indian-owned companies. Each year event participation grows, and we need your help to make this year's event an even greater success!

RSVP your business today!

Resource Room/Bid Center

You are always welcome to utilize the Small Business Assistance Center Resource Room and Bid Center located in Tahlequah at the Tsa La Gi Annex directly behind the Restaurant of the Cherokee's or in Claremore at the Claremore Housing office off of Hwy 66 S.

We offer computers to look up procurements opportunities, blue prints of current Cherokee Nation construction products, our commercial lending applications and much more.

Small Business Loans

The Small Business Assistance Center has loan funds available to small businesses that meeting lending requirements.

If you or someone you know would like more information about this opportunity then do not hesitate to give the SBAC a call.

Loans are available for small business start-ups and for expansion projects for existing businesses. The SBAC strives to create programs that enhance the capabilities of Native American-owned businesses.

For more information, contact Deanna Edgmon at deanna-edgmon@cherokee.org, or Brenda Alley at brenda-alley@cherokee.org.

VISIT WWW.CHEROKEEBIDS.ORG DAILY FOR NEW PROCUREMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Upcoming SBAC Workshops

May 15	Claremore, Northeast Technology Center 9:00 am – 1:00 pm	$35, Social Media Boot camp – Twitter, Facebook, Linked-in, and YouTube
May 23	Tulsa, Native American Business Enterprise Center 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	SBA – Vanessa Woodfork Market Strategies for Growth: Federal Contracting
June 13	Bartlesville, Tri-County Tech Strategy Center 8:30 am – 12:00 pm	E-Commerce – using the web in your business, PayPal and online stores
June 27	Muskogee, Indian Capital Technology Center Room 100 8:30 am—5:00pm	$165, Using QuickBooks, Shawn Clagg

Cherokee Arts Center

The Cherokee Arts Center showcases traditional Cherokee art forms, as well as contemporary works from Cherokee artists. The center offers visitors a unique experience to see artists at work and provides a gallery for artists to market their creations. The Arts Center also affords an entrepreneurial opportunity for artists to establish and grow as small business owners. Throughout May and June, the Arts Center is offering a wide variety of workshops from loom weaving to pottery and jewelry making. To register or for more information contact Valerie Diffee at 918-453-5728 or valerie-scraper@cherokee.org.

You can also visit us on Facebook:
www.facebook.com/Cherokeeartscenter

Business Spotlight

We would love to highlight your business accomplishments and achievements in our upcoming newsletters. Please send us your stories so we can be sure to get them included in future additions. Send your stories, comments or ideas to stephen.highers@cherokee.org.

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