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**ACCION TEXAS PRESENTS TWO FREE WORKSHOPS
TO HELP SMALL BUSINESSES PREPARE FOR
THE NEW YEAR**

DALLAS — Accion Texas Inc. – the nation’s largest microlender – will present two free workshops designed to help small businesses tackle legal, credit and cash flow issues to improve their bottom lines.

The first event will be a free legal clinic offered by Texas Community Building with Attorney Resources (Texas C-BAR) at 6 p.m. Wednesday, December 5, at Accion’s Dallas office in the Comerica Bank building, 8828 N. Stemmons Freeway. Volunteer attorneys will be available for one-on-one sessions to cover topics important to small businesses, such as entity formation, general liability, contracts, employment procedure, negotiation, patents, trademarks and more.

Online registration is required at <http://tinyurl.com/c8c4ro6>. Participants should plan to arrive at 5 p.m. to sign in. Staff will be on hand in the lobby to assist. Business owners should come prepared with all relevant documents, a concise description of their legal issue and proper documentation.

All participants will be required to fill out a thorough intake questionnaire, which includes financial details. The information will be used to determine business owners’ eligibility for additional free legal aid. The information is secure and will not be used by Texas C-BAR or Accion for any other purpose.

The second event, “Understanding Your Credit & Cash Flow,” will be held at the same location from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, December 12. This session will teach entrepreneurs how to grow their businesses through the proper use of credit and personal and business cash flow.

For additional information on both events, call Daniel De Valdenebro at 469-223-9598.



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About Accion Texas Inc.

Established in 1994 in San Antonio, Accion Texas Inc.'s financial and business-support services help entrepreneurs strengthen their businesses, stabilize and increase their incomes, create employment and contribute to the economic revitalization of their communities.

Accion's Dallas office opened in 1999 and has made more than 1,700 small business loans totaling more than \$20 million, creating and sustaining many area jobs.

Accion Texas Inc. has the nation's largest microloan portfolio and is committed to providing capital to entrepreneurs who do not have access to loans from commercial sources. Since its inception, Accion has made nearly 13,000 loans totaling more than \$130 million. Accion now operates in eight states – Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Tennessee and Texas. For more information, visit www.acciontexas.org.

About Texas C-BAR

Texas C-BAR provides free legal assistance to Texas nonprofits and through its Legal Assistance to Microenterprises Project (LAMP) to small businesses and entrepreneurs. We recruit experienced transactional attorneys, who volunteer to help these organizations with their corporate, real estate, tax and employment law needs. For more information, visit <http://www.texasbar.org>.