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**ACCION WOMEN'S BUSINESS CENTER
PRESENTS THREE SMALL BUSINESS EVENTS TARGETED
TO VETERANS IN SAN ANTONIO**

SAN ANTONIO – In the weeks leading up to Veterans Day 2013, the Accion Women's Business Center – part of Accion Texas Inc, the nation's largest microlender – will collaborate with several financial and nonprofit organizations to provide local veterans with the tools, knowledge and capital they need to operate successful businesses.

Following is a list of the events:

San Antonio Regional Veterans Business Summit

Thursday, Oct. 3, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Norris Conference Center
4522 Fredericksburg Rd., A-100

Momentum Texas Inc. has collaborated with Accion Women's Business Center, the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, San Antonio Branch, Texas Workforce Commission, and Southwest Texas Border SBDC to host a day-long conference for veterans interested in business. The San Antonio Regional Veterans Business Summit and luncheon provides an exchange and celebration of innovative ideas where veterans interested in the "who, what and how" of starting or growing a business can get advice, network, and access unique resources. For more information, contact jreid@momentumtexas.org or call 214-773-4663.



Pitch Party!

Tuesday, Oct. 8, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Accion Lending and Learning Center
225 W. Poplar

Accion Texas and PeopleFund invite you to participate in an upcoming pitch party. Learn tips and techniques for how to hone your business presentation while networking with other veteran entrepreneurs. This event is a pre-cursor to the Women Veteran Entrepreneur Corps Conference that will be held November 18 and 19 in Plano, Texas. Women vets and spouses are eligible to participate in a pitch competition for a chance to win cash awards, business mentoring and access to financing opportunities. To register, email shay@peoplefund.org.

“Veterans Mean Business” Roundtable

Thursday, Nov. 7, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Amegy Bank
10003 Reunion Place, #300

The transition from military to civilian life presents a host of challenges and opportunities, not least of which is deciding what your next career will be. If you have a business idea and are interested in exploring the possibility of business ownership, than this is the workshop for you! Accion Women's Business Center and the San Antonio chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO San Antonio) are partnering with a team of experts to help you navigate the different paths available, options for funding your business, and successfully adapting to business culture. This half-day workshop will consist of breakout sessions in small group settings, allowing you to engage in conversation with other veterans and address your questions and concerns with our resource partners. The event is free. Register at <https://vetsmeanbiz.eventbrite.com>.

About The Accion Women's Business Center

The Accion Women's Business Center, a program of Accion Texas Inc., is dedicated to supporting entrepreneurs, especially women and minorities. It provides innovative business support services such as training, roundtables, and consultations. The Accion Women's Business Center is funded in part by the U.S. Small Business Administration's Office of Women's Business Ownership. For more information, visit the Accion Texas website at www.acciontexas.org.

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 Texas manages the nation's largest nonprofit microloan portfolio in the nation and is the largest member of the Accion U.S. Network. It is committed to providing capital to entrepreneurs who do not have access to loans from commercial sources and to providing educational services to help them succeed. Since its inception, Accion Texas has made more than 14,000 loans totaling just over \$150 million. Accion Texas now operates in 21 offices in eight states – Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Tennessee and Texas. For more information, visit www.acciontexas.org.

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