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### ACCION TEXAS TO HOST SMALL BUSINESS CERTIFICATIONS WORKSHOP

**SAN ANTONIO** – Accion Texas Inc. – the nation’s largest nonprofit small business microlender – will host a panel discussion about the various local, state and federal certifications available to small business owners. The event will take place on Tuesday, July 30, 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., at the San Antonio Housing Authority, 818 S. Flores St.

Representatives from the South Central Texas Regional Certification Agency, the Southwest Minority Supplier Diversity Council, and the Small Business Administration will describe the certification process and why it is important and useful for small business owners.

Guests will also participate in a roundtable discussion and have an opportunity to ask questions and connect with each of the certification agency representatives. The event is free and open to the public. Breakfast will be provided. Registration is required at <http://www.eventbrite.com/event/7156259565>.

#### **About Accion Texas Inc.**

Accion Texas Inc. is a nonprofit, multi-state micro-and small business lender that helps new and existing entrepreneurs successfully grow their businesses. Through affordable lending and business development services, Accion Texas Inc. is committed to empowering diverse individuals and small businesses that have limited access to traditional sources of capital.



Accion Texas Inc. manages the nation's largest microloan portfolio and operates 20 offices in eight states: Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Tennessee and Texas. The organization is the largest member of the Accion U.S. Network. Founded in San Antonio in 1994, Accion Texas Inc. has disbursed more than 13,400 loans totaling \$143 million and helped to create or retain more than 10,500 jobs. For more information, visit [www.acciontexas.org](http://www.acciontexas.org) or call 888-215-2373.

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