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**ACCION TEXAS WOMEN'S BUSINESS CENTER PRESENTS FREE
WOMEN'S CONTRACTING ROUNDTABLE**

Connect with business mentors and learn the ins-and-outs of contracting.

SAN ANTONIO – The Accion Women's Business Center—part of Accion Texas Inc., the nation's largest microlender – is offering a free business presentation designed to help entrepreneurs learn more about how to sell products or services to large corporations and government entities, through certifications and contracting.

Representatives from the Women's Business Enterprise Alliance and South Central Regional Certification Agency will describe the small business certifications available to women, minority and veteran owned businesses. The workshop will take place Wednesday, August 6, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at San Antonio Water System office located at 2800 U.S. Highway 281.

"This is a great opportunity to learn more about certifications, while gaining more insight into the world of contracting," said Accion Women's Business Center Director Martha N. Zurita.

Register for the event at <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/womens-contracting-roundtable-tickets-12053661827>.

Participants will have the opportunity to learn first-hand from women business owners about their procurement experiences. The presentation will transition into a roundtable setup and speakers will share best practices, mistakes to avoid and other useful tips to help business professionals win bids and perform successfully on future contracts.



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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 Texas manages 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 15,000 loans totaling more than \$164 million. Accion operates in eight states: Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Tennessee and Texas. For more information, visit www.acciontexas.org.

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.

Women's Business Enterprise Alliance

Established in 1995, The Women's Business Enterprise Alliance works to increase the opportunities and growth of women-owned businesses. As an affiliate of the Women's Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC), WBEA serves as the third-party certifying organization for women-owned businesses in the 94 Texas counties. Since the WBEA's inception in 1995, the number of businesses owned and operated by women has increased substantially, creating new jobs, generating unique opportunities, and fostering a resurgence of the entrepreneurial spirit in the marketplace. For more information, please visit <http://www.wbea-texas.org/about-wbea> or call 713-681-9232.

South Central Texas Regional Certification Agency

Established in 1998, the South Central Texas Regional Certification Agency (SCTRCA) is a non-profit corporation that represents several public entities in the South Texas area. These entities are committed to enhancing participation for disadvantaged, minority and woman-owned businesses in public/government contracting and purchasing activities. For more information, visit <http://www.sctrca.org/> or call 210-227-4722.