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## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION LOAN BRIEFING EVENT IN MASON COUNTY

SHELTON, WA, DECEMBER 15, 2009: The Economic Development Council of Mason County, Shelton Mason County Chamber of Commerce, and North Mason Chamber of Commerce will be hosting the Small Business Administration for our first Small Business Administration Loan Briefing.

### Lenders Briefing

Date: January 20, 2010

Time: 10:00 – 11:30

Location: Our Community Credit Union - 2948 Olympic Hwy North, Shelton

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Date: January 20, 2010

Time: 12:00 – 1:00

Location: Our Community Credit Union - 2948 Olympic Hwy North, Shelton

Lunch will be provided

Presenters will provide information on the following questions?

- What is an SBA Loan?
- Why go SBA versus a traditional commercial loan?
- What special programs are available for small businesses struggling through the economic recession?
- When to seek SBA 7(a) financing versus a 504 loan?
- How can my business customers take advantage of SBA-guaranteed financing?

Presented by:

- Mark Costello, Lead Lender Relations Specialist, Seattle SBA
- Joan Broughton, Senior Loan Officer, Evergreen Community Development Association, Seattle

The seminar is a presentation of the Washington Small Business Development Center (WSBDC), and the U.S. Small Business Administration, Seattle District Office, Erik Houser, Business Development Officer with Northwest Business Development Association, and Roger Hopkins from the Seattle SBA District Office.

While information will be presented on loan programs and options available for financing small businesses, the session is intended to be informal. "We want participants to be comfortable talking about the impacts the economy is having on their business so we can answer their questions about the assistance and resources that are available to help," said Matt Matayoshi.

The SBA is a federal agency providing financial and business development assistance to beginning and expanding small businesses.

Roger Hopkins is a business development specialist for the U.S. Small Business Administration in Seattle. He has marketing and community outreach responsibility for Mason, Kitsap, Lewis and Snohomish Counties. Before coming to the SBA Seattle District Office he was a newspaper reporter, truck driver, television news anchor, mayor, melon packer, sole proprietor, city manager, and public information officer in for the SBA in Washington, D.C. His degree is in journalism from the University of Montana.

Mark Costello has been with the Small Business Administration for 20 years. He serves as the agency's Lead Lender Relations Specialist for the Seattle District. In this capacity he is responsible for working with over 100 lenders and Certified Development Companies to deliver SBA guaranteed financing to small businesses throughout the State of Washington and Northern Idaho. Mark graduated from Washington State University with a degree in finance.

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