

Notes for DAA Conference Call
September 1, 2009
2:00PM: EDT

OWBO – Post Retreat

- It was a pleasure to get to see everyone in such an intimate setting. We were very happy to get to talk with everyone and go over the training in such detail. We hope that you got all your questions answered and learned all the information you needed to make the compliance much easier.

2010 Funding

- As you all know there was additional money available this year and we divided it among the centers that were able to take advantage of this opportunity. The increase was \$16,600.

SBA Recovery Funds

- On August 21, 2009 \$6.6 billion was made available for recovery loans
- \$9 billion for lending under 7(a) and 504, 19 percent to women-owned businesses, 22 percent to minority-owned businesses, 9 percent to veteran-owned businesses and 25 percent to rural businesses
- Special programs have been set up for contracting with businesses owned by veterans, women, minorities and with rural businesses

Update on new WBC's

- Four new grants will be awarded in Montana, Wyoming, Oregon and the District of Columbia

Ana's Travels

- Ana traveled to Jacksonville, Fla., and was keynote speaker at an event featuring successful women entrepreneurs. The trip was very successful and Ana will be doing more speaking engagements during the year representing the women's Business initiative.

Disaster Planning

- Everyone should be aware of what to do in a disaster—not only weather but all types of disasters such as terrorist attacks or the N1H1 pandemic. Our office will soon post links to resources and the outline of a plan one WBC has in place.

2010 Workplans

- Work plans were due July 1, 2009. It is important that you plan ahead in order to meet your deadlines.

Q and A

- WBC websites – some host organization websites don't have dedicated space for the WBC.
- The WBC must have dedicated space that includes the SBA logo (first page) and the acknowledgement as well as information on the WBC's activities.

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