



# ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **Helping Virginia Small Businesses Survive the Economic Downturn Workshop scheduled in Culpeper**

RICHMOND, Va. – The Small Business Administration's Richmond District Office will participate in a HELPING VIRGINIA SMALL BUSINESSES SURVIVE THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN workshop presented by the Culpeper Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with Congressman Eric Cantor (VA-07), on Tuesday, May 12, 2009, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. The workshop will be held at the Depot Conference Facility, 109 S. Commerce Street, in Culpeper. The workshop will be open to the public free of charge.

This timely workshop will provide information to Virginia small businesses about:

- Less expensive and more accessible small business loans.
- Recent changes to tax rules affecting small businesses.
- Counseling and Training resources through SBA resource partners.
- Recession-proofing your credit.

Ron Bew, director of SBA's Richmond District Office said, "We want to insure that small business owners in Central Virginia are aware of the enhancements to SBA programs as well as recent tax changes as a result of the 2009 Recovery Act. We can help entrepreneurs gain access to technical assistance and capital, the lifeblood of every small business."

Contact Kelly Ward at The Culpeper Chamber of Commerce at (540) 825-8628 or [kward@culpepervachamber.com](mailto:kward@culpepervachamber.com) to register. Space is limited. Registrations will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis.

In the Small Business Act of July 30, 1953, Congress created the U.S. Small Business Administration, whose function is to "aid, counsel, assist, and protect, insofar as is possible, the interests of small business concerns." Since its founding more than a half-century ago, the U.S. Small Business Administration has delivered about 24 million loans, loan guaranties, contracts, counseling sessions and other forms of assistance to small businesses.

For more information about the SBA online, go to [www.sba.gov/va](http://www.sba.gov/va) or contact the Richmond District Office at (804) 771-2400. The SBA extends its programs to the public on a nondiscriminatory basis.

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