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Small Businesses: Get State-Certified at Crenshaw Clinic

LOS ANGELES –The first Los Angeles area public/private Business Certification Day will take place on December 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Small Business Registration Clinic, as the event is called, is being held at the Los Angeles Urban League Milken Youth Center, 5414 Crenshaw Boulevard, Los Angeles, 90043. It is sponsored by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), the Department of General Services and the Los Angeles Urban League.

Small and disabled veteran business owners will have an opportunity to become certified with the State of California to sell numerous products, such as office supplies, computer accessories, janitorial supplies, electrical testing equipment, safety gear, business machines, paper goods and consulting services.

“Caltrans has seen excellent participation from small and disabled veterans businesses at our Small Business Procurement Fairs,” said Caltrans District Director Doug Failing. “These relationships create great value for the state and the businesses, so it is to everyone’s advantage to make sure all those who qualify are certified.”

The Clinic is an outgrowth of the Crenshaw Corridor Collaboration Agreement between the State Business, Transportation and Housing Agency and the Los Angeles Urban League’s Neighborhoods@work program to promote growth and development in the Crenshaw area, including education, public safety, health, housing, employment and job training.

The Crenshaw district is one of many communities around the state that are considered candidates for assistance through the California Urban Communities Collaborative, designed to help state agencies, local governments, community-based organizations and the private sector provide needed resources.





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“The collaboration between the Los Angeles Urban League and the California Business, Transportation and Housing Agency, Departments of Transportation and General Services, offers an excellent opportunity for small businesses located in and around Los Angeles Urban League’s Neighborhoods@work project to become certified to do business with the State of California and other municipal organizations that service the greater Los Angeles area,” said Kuliema Blueford, Los Angeles Urban League Department Neighborhood Officer, Employment.

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