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International Business Seminar and Resource Expo on October 2 **Strategies for Success in Today’s Economy**

Sacramento – Business owners looking to grow their businesses and learn more about doing business in California are invited to attend the [International Business Seminar and Resource Expo in Cypress](#) on Thursday, October 2, 2014. California State Board of Equalization (BOE) Vice Chair Michelle Steel is sponsoring this free event.

Those looking for assistance will benefit from presentations given by representatives from BOE, Franchise Tax Board, California Secretary of State, Employment Development Department, Center for International Trade, Long Beach Port, U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Department of Customs, California Taxpayers’ Rights Advocates, Internal Revenue Service, Small Business Development Center, and the U.S. Small Business Administration. Seminar topics include starting an import-export business, doing business in California, using technology and innovation, and developing positive trade relations.

- Event:** International Business Seminar and Resource Expo
- Date:** Thursday, October 2, 2014
- Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Check-in begins at 8:30 a.m.)
- Place:** Cypress Community Center
5700 Orange Avenue
Cypress, CA 90630
(Free Parking)

Registration: 1-888-847-9652 or [online](#)

Editors: The following PSAs ([English](#)), ([Spanish](#)), ([Mandarin](#)), and ([Thai](#)) are available for your use.

Learn more about a variety of other BOE [in-person](#) seminars and [online](#) seminars.

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Elected to the Board of Equalization in 2006 and re-elected in 2010, Michelle Steel serves as Southern California’s elected taxpayer advocate. In December 2007, Steel discovered the Board of Equalization had delayed the return of millions of dollars in security deposits owed to California businesses. Procedures were changed due to Steel’s decisive leadership. Following her investigation, the tax agency refunded tax security deposits to over 5,500 small businesses. To date, over \$100 million in security deposits have been returned to taxpayers.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization (BOE) is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects \$56 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit www.taxes.ca.gov.

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