

**\*\*Important Update: San Luis Obispo County Small Business Forum has been postponed and will be rescheduled, more information to come soon.\*\***

**Atascadero, CA** – On Wednesday, September 2, 2009 Congressman McCarthy will hold a Small Business Forum for San Luis Obispo County.

Congressman Kevin McCarthy issued the following statement:

*“This year’s small business forum will focus on opportunities available to help promote and expand our small businesses, and provide tools and information to local entrepreneurs. Local small businesses are the backbone of our local economy. Small businesses, which create over 70 percent of our nation’s jobs, can fuel our nation’s economic engine and create lasting jobs our communities need. That’s why my priority is on job-creating policies in Congress that focus on helping local small business owners, not growing Washington spending. Through smarter economic policies that focus on job creation, we can help overcome our current economic challenges and put America back on a successful path to help us and our children achieve the American Dream.”*

Media is invited to cover this event.

Guest Representatives to Attend:

- Small Business Administration (SBA) – learn about Federal assistance for small business in San Luis Obispo County
- Mission Community Services Corporation – non-profit corporation dedicated to helping potential entrepreneurs and small businesses find opportunities
- SCORE – organization of retired and professionally active executives who volunteer to provide professional guidance and information to small or new businesses
- Economic Vitality Corporation of SLO County – non-profit organization committed to the economic strength of San Luis Obispo County
- Department of Commerce – learn about export opportunities and marketing strategies in

international markets

- Local Chambers – providing assistance to small business in our local communities

Registration:

Interested individuals may register by visiting: <http://www.kevinmccarthy.house.gov/events/>, calling Congressman McCarthy's district office at (661) 327-3611, or emailing [RSVP.McCarthy@mail.house.gov](mailto:RSVP.McCarthy@mail.house.gov)

Time: 9:00a.m. – 11:30a.m. (PDT)

Place: Atascadero City Council Chambers-6907 El Camino Real, Atascadero, CA

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Similar events happen every Congress, during the 110th Congress (2007-2008), Congressman McCarthy held a "Federal Procurement and Export Opportunity Conference" for local small businesses in San Luis Obispo County.

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