



For Planning Purposes: **March 23, 2010**

*****MEDIA ADVISORY*****

Barrow to Host Small Business Symposium in Savannah

On Monday, March 29, Congressman John Barrow (GA-12) will be hosting a small business symposium in Savannah. Representatives from government agencies such as the Department of Commerce Minority Business Development Agency, the Georgia Department of Labor, the Internal Revenue Service, the Small Business Administration, and the U.S.D.A will be on hand to give advice and answer questions. The event is free and open to the public.

“Small businesses are the economic engine of our country,” said Barrow. “We’re still not out of the woods, and small businesses need all the help they can get to continue being successful and creating jobs for Georgians. I hope folks stop by and get some help.”

Here is a tentative schedule for the day. Please call Congressman Barrow’s office in Savannah for further details at (912) 354-7282.

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Registration
9:00 a.m.	Welcome
9:10 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Breakout Sessions General Services Administration – “Entering the Federal Marketplace” Small Business Administration – “About the 8A Program”
10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Breakout Sessions IRS – “Tax Solutions for Small Businesses” Georgia Department of Labor
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch – please bring \$10 cash for lunch and RSVP. Small Business Administration – Programs and Resources for Your Business
1:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Breakout Sessions Department of Housing and Urban Development Department of Homeland Security – “Doing Business with the Department of Homeland Security”
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Breakout Sessions Department of Commerce – Minority Business Development Agency

4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. USDA – “USDA Programs for Rural Small Business”
Evaluation and feedback

There will also be an agency fair from 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

WHO: **Free and Open to the Public**

WHAT: **Small Business Symposium – Help and Advice for Small Businesses**

WHEN: **Monday, March 29, 2010**
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
(Participants can come and go as they please)

WHERE: **Coastal Georgia Center**
305 Fahm Street, Savannah, GA 31401
*Lunch will be \$10; to RSVP for a box lunch, please call Congressman
Barrow’s Savannah Office at (912) 354-7282

Press is welcome to attend the Small Business Symposium.

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