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Annual procurement conference offers opportunity for small businesses to expand sales

To kick off 2010, I am inviting representatives from Wyoming businesses to Laramie next month to expand their knowledge and explore ways to increase sales.

I am co-hosting the 8th annual Wyoming Government Procurement Opportunities for Small Business Conference on Feb. 17-18 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Laramie. The event will give small business owners the opportunity to meet one-on-one with more than 50 federal and state government agencies and prime contractors and learn about government contracting.

During the conference, business owners will have the opportunity to meet with officials to talk about products they buy and any special requirements. Representatives from the Defense Supply Center, National Park Service, Department of Homeland Security, NASA, Veteran's Administration, University of Wyoming, Wyoming Department of Transportation, the State of Wyoming, the Wyoming Army & Air Guard and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are just a few of the 50 federal and state contracting agencies that have been invited to share information with business owners. Past procurement conferences have led to a number of successful business partnerships.

This conference is a great way for business owners to network with other vendors and small businesses from around the region. Workshops offer information to help business owners better understand the 8(a) application process and will help them learn more about the process to do business with the National Park, the State of Wyoming, the Wyoming Department of Transportation and the University of Wyoming.

Please contact Natasha Stahla with WyomingEntrepreneur.Biz at (866) 253-3300 or nstahla1@uwyo.edu for more information. To register online, visit WyomingEntrepreneur.Biz and click on "Register for 2010 PTAC Conference" under "Events." The conference is being co-hosted with the Wyoming Procurement Technical Assistance Center, also known as Government Resources and Opportunities for Business (GRO-Biz).

Also, stay tuned for information about Senator Enzi's other annual conference, the Inventors Conference, planning to be held in spring 2010 in Gillette.

By U.S. Senator Mike Enzi