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## **Oregon Small Business Fair offers free tools for small-business success**

(Portland) — Individuals who have always dreamed of starting their own business (but didn't know how to get started) can find help at the 18th annual Oregon Small Business Fair on Saturday, Sept. 24, in Portland. The fair, a free event for small-business owners and those thinking about becoming small-business owners, is at a new location this year. The fair will be from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Ambridge Event Center, 1333 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Sponsored by local, state, and federal agencies, and nonprofit organizations, the fair provides information that will help businesses comply with laws and regulations as well as initiative marketing and sales efforts. Attendees will be able to get free consultations and attend seminars on critical topics that are taught by agency and business experts, attorneys, and CPAs.

Some of the most popular classes offered include:

- Understanding business licenses
- Essential recordkeeping
- Smart marketing
- Social media networking

Attendees can also learn about small-business loans, and local businesses, government representatives, and exhibitors will be staffing various information booths.

Another free fair, Rogue Valley Business Resource Fair, will be held on Saturday, Oct. 22, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Rogue Community College, 101 Bartlett St., in Medford.

For more information about the Oregon Small Business Fair, call 503-329-4260 or visit [www.oregonbizfair.org](http://www.oregonbizfair.org).

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