



SBA 50th ANNIVERSARY

SMALL BUSINESS ACTION CONFERENCE

POSTER CONTEST

WHY?

The US Small Business Administration (SBA) is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

The SBA office in Washington DC is celebrating with a year of events and activities across the nation. Realizing the importance of small businesses in our local economy, the Portland District Office spearheaded efforts for state and local officials to recognize May 2004 as "Small Business Month"... a month dedicated to small businesses around Oregon and SW Washington.

The "heart" of the events and activities happening in May 2004 is the SBA's 50th Anniversary Conference

The conference, a co-sponsorship between SBA and Opportunity Zone (OZone), is scheduled for May 19th. The theme for the conference and, indeed, the entire month is "ACTION." To spread the word, the SBA and OZone plan to distribute posters throughout Oregon and SW Washington and place banners strategically throughout the metropolitan area.

The future of our economy depends on the unwavering entrepreneurial spirit of our youth. SBA and OZone want to tap the area's blooming talent to create the design that will commemorate this unprecedented event.

HOW?

- à Poster entry packets will be distributed to high schools and community colleges in Oregon and SW Washington during December.
- à Entries must be received by the SBA no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 6, 2004.
- à Entries will be judged by an independent team selected by SBA and OZone by February 27, 2004.
- à The winning design will be officially announced and the prize of a \$500 savings bond will be presented at a special event in Portland in March 2004.

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