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SBA TO PRESENT A SERIES OF “ENTREPRENEUR EXPRESS” WORKSHOPS IN CENTRAL VIRGINIA

RICHMOND – Houston E. Gray, Acting District Director of the Small Business Administration’s Richmond District Office today announced that the U.S. Small Business Administration will conduct, with local resources around the state, a series of “**ENTREPRENEUR EXPRESS**” workshops offering information about SBA’s products and services with the ultimate goal of increasing access to capital (loans) to the small businesses in the target communities. In announcing the series of workshops Mr. Gray said, “I want to encourage all small business owners and entrepreneurs, whether they currently own a small business or are just thinking about starting a new venture, to take advantage of this opportunity to meet industry experts and learn about the products and services available to assist them.”

Workshops will be scheduled throughout July and August in the following tentative locations: Richmond, Ashland, Franklin, Warrenton, Manassas, Farmville, Waynesboro/Staunton, Lynchburg, Charlottesville, Tappahannock/Warsaw, Culpeper/Orange and South Hill.

Each workshop will be advertised locally. Workshops will provide information on the various SBA loan programs including Microloans (where available), LowDoc loans, Community Express loans, 7(a) loans and 504 loans. Loan applications for SBA Community Express Loans of \$5,000 to \$15,000 will be accepted on-site. Participants will also learn about the SBA Business Development Programs including 8(a), HUBZone, and Small Disadvantaged Business certification.

These workshops will be presented free of charge.

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