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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION TO HOLD ANNUAL BLOCK ISLAND BUSINESS TOUR AND RESOURCE FAIR

WHO: Mark S. Hayward, Region Administrator (A), Rhode Island District Director, U.S. Small Business Administration

WHAT: SBA Regional Administrator (A) and Rhode Island District Director, Mark S. Hayward, will lead the SBA's annual visit to Block Island where they will participate in a panel discussion about the unique issues facing the business community. After the discussion they will tour the community visiting business for further one-on-one discussions with local business owners.

There will also be a "Resource Fair" from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. where small business owners and potential owners will be able to meet with SBA resource partners and lenders to answer questions ranging from social media marketing, strategic planning, cash-flow management, and financing to grow your business. Resource fair participants include representatives from SCORE, the Small Business Development Centers, the Secretary of State's Office, Westerly Community Credit Union, Commerce RI, BDC Capital/CDC New England, South Eastern Economic Development Corporation, and State of Rhode Island: Office of Regulatory Reform, Webster Bank, Community Investment Corporation, Freedom National Bank, Celtic Bank, SDC Resources.

WHEN: **Thursday, June 22, 2017 – 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

WHERE: Hotel Manisses
251 Spring Street
New Shoreham, RI 02807

PRESS INVITED TO ATTEND

Press please confirm attendance by contacting ryan.brissette@sba.gov or call 401-528-4630

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