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Mayor

Greetings,

It is a pleasure to welcome you to the **East Tampa Small Business Symposium** March 21, 2015 at the Jackson Heights Center in Tampa, Florida. This event features expert presenters offering business advice, including financial, legal, marketing and much more to business owners and those interested in starting a business of their own. We are appreciative of the sponsors and participants that allow this free event to assist the East Tampa business community with continued growth, and opportunities for small business owners to gain valuable information that will enhance their success.



The Small Business Symposium was established by the Central Florida Community Planning and Development and the Executive Board Members of East Tampa Community Revitalization Partnership, and its mission is creating jobs. The purpose of the Symposium is to introduce small business owners and others interested in small business to elected officials, government organizations and successful private corporations that they may not normally have the opportunity to meet, or afford their services.

Business opportunities and entrepreneurship are abundant in the Tampa Bay area like never before, and knowledge from experts and those who have experienced success assists with the long-term prosperity and growth of new and existing small businesses. Tampa is a great city, the nation's 53rd largest, and we have a vibrant spirit of economic opportunity. Your participation as business leader in the East Tampa community is greatly valued. Thank you for being part of Tampa's economic landscape that continues to shape our city.

Again, welcome and I wish each of you an enjoyable and productive time at this important Symposium, and best wishes for the success and growth of your business.

Sincerely,

Bob Buckhorn