



Bob Buckhorn
Mayor

Greetings,

It is a pleasure to welcome you to the **4th Annual East Tampa Small Business Symposium** on Saturday, September 24, 2016 at Hillsborough Community College, Ybor Campus. The theme for this free event is **2016 Business & Technology Symposium** and features expert presenters offering financial and business advice to business owners and those interested in starting a business of their own. We are appreciative of the sponsors and participants that allow this opportunity to assist the East Tampa business community with continued growth and for small business owners to gain valuable information that may 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. 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 a 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 best wishes for an enjoyable and productive time.

Sincerely,

Bob Buckhorn