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Registrations Open for Annual Business Summit

The ICBS Show is accepting online registrations from attendees and exhibitors of the annual business conference focused on government markets.

Large and small businesses will meet with buyers and agency officials from federal, state and local governments at the 2018 ICBS Show Aug. 21-22 at the Embassy Suites Hotel and Conference Center in Norman. The show is presented by the Oklahoma Bid Assistance Network and the Tribal Government Institute, Oklahoma's two procurement technical assistance centers.

Event information and registration forms are at www.icbsshow.com. Discounted early bird rates expire Aug. 1.

In its 12th year, the ICBS Show generates business networking and training centered on federal, state, local and tribal procurement. Businesses make new contacts in agencies; learn about new opportunities and procedures; and mingle with possible business teaming partners and subcontractors. Participants who want extra exposure can exhibit in the trade show portion or purchase a sponsorship for additional signs and print and online exposure.

Nationally recognized speakers from agencies and professional services will share expertise at the conference. Confirmed speakers include Francine Morris, deputy director, Certify.gov; Robert "Bobby" Babcock, the regional administrator of the General Services Administration's Greater Southwest Region; Steven Koprince, government contracts attorney and author; Christopher Hall, the deputy director of the Office of Small Business Programs for the Defense Logistics Agency; and Santiago Almaraz, director and head of the contracting activity, Indian Health Service.

OBAN, a program of the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education, and TGI provide procurement counseling, bid matching and other services to businesses in Oklahoma and surrounding areas. OBAN serves businesses in the state of Oklahoma, and TGI serves tribal enterprises owned by tribes in two Bureau of Indian Affairs regions serving Oklahoma and surrounding areas.

“We are very excited about this year’s program. The diverse range of topics and speakers promises valuable new information,” said Carter Merkle, OBAN program manager. “We look forward to bringing together more than 300 people for networking and learning.”

TGI procurement counselor Berbon Hamilton said, “ICBS represents an important opportunity for business, government, tribes and service providers. As we work toward our common goal of improving economic diversity in Oklahoma it is important all these groups have an opportunity to gather and be heard.”

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ICBS is a business summit designed to meet the needs of government contractors seeking new business opportunities or new partners to meet contract requirements. To learn more about ICBS visit www.ICBSshow.com.