

Thursday, May 31, 2007

9:00 am—11:30 am

Bellevue City Hall  
450 110th Avenue NE  
Room 1E-108  
Bellevue



# SMALL BUSINESS FORUM

## A Forum for Small Business Organizations

Hosted by  
City of Bellevue Office of Economic Development  
IRS Stakeholder Liaison  
US Small Business Administration



**The agenda will include current topics affecting small business owners and a roundtable discussion.**

### **Why attend the forum?**

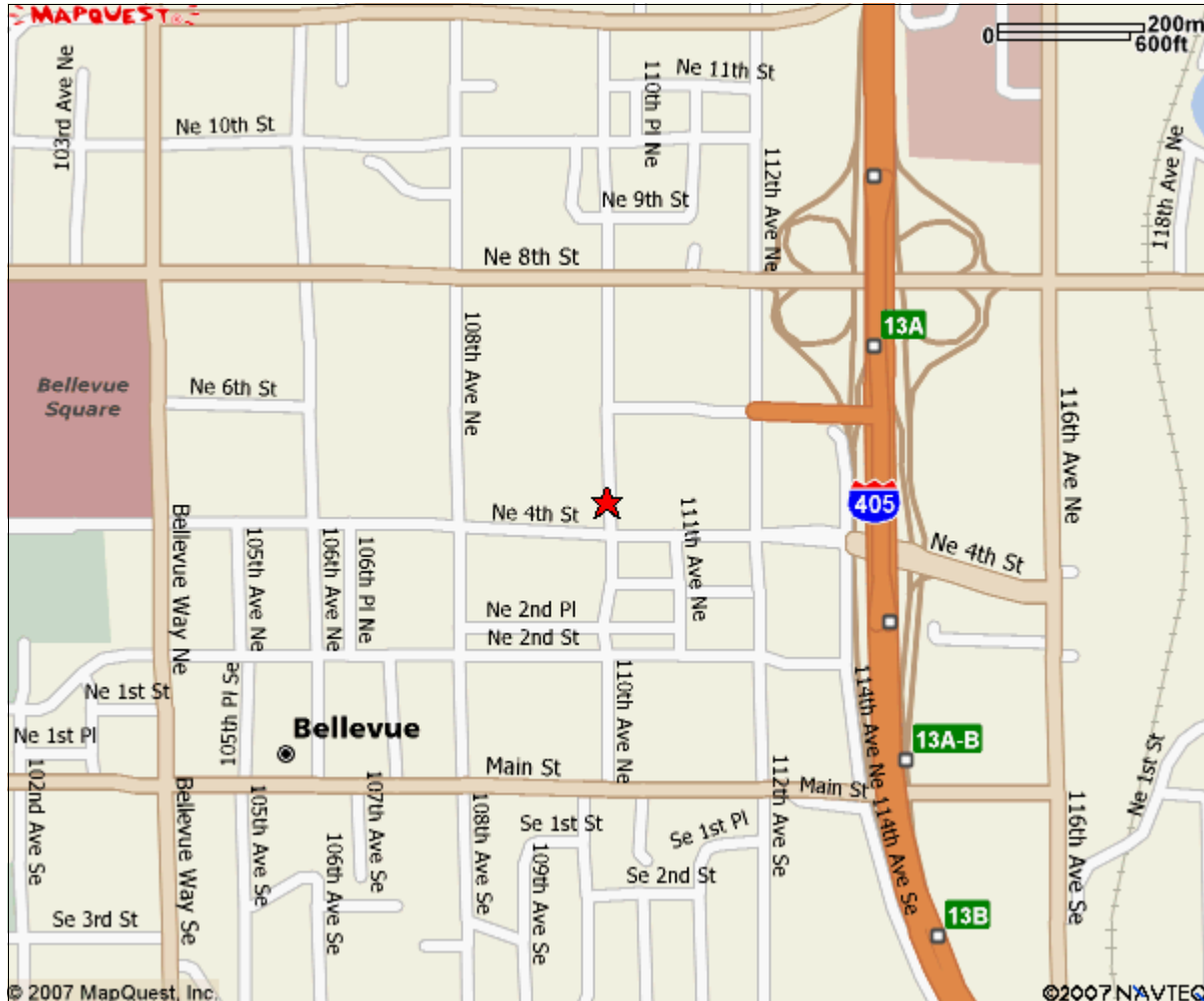
- Build and strengthen relationships with small business, trade, non-profit and government organizations.
- Discuss your members' concerns and issues.
- Learn about the products and services each organization provides to small business.
- Network to better serve your members or clients and share your organization's key messages.
- Hear about some of the current hot topics affecting small businesses.

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To register, or for more information,  
contact Kari Gilje  
Email: [kari.s.gilje@irs.gov](mailto:kari.s.gilje@irs.gov)  
Phone: 206-220-5469

When registering, please provide  
your name, organization name,  
number of attendees, phone, and  
email address.

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## Directions

[http://www.ci.bellevue.wa.us/directions\\_to\\_city\\_hall.htm](http://www.ci.bellevue.wa.us/directions_to_city_hall.htm)

Bellevue City Hall is conveniently located at 450 110th Ave. NE (NE 4th Street and 110th Ave. NE) in downtown Bellevue, near the 6th Street Transit Center and Interstate 405.

**From Seattle via Hwy 520:** Take State Route 520 east over the Evergreen Point Bridge to I-405 south. Go south on I-405 and take Exit 13A west (Northeast 4th Street westbound). Go one block and make a right turn on 110th Avenue Northeast. Proceed to the City Hall visitor parking entrance on the right.

**From Seattle via I-90:** Take I-90 east over Lake Washington. Merge north onto I-405 (exit 10). Take Exit 13A west (Northeast 4th Street westbound). Turn right on 110th Avenue Northeast. Proceed to the City Hall visitor parking entrance on the right.

The visitor parking entrance is located on 110th Ave. NE. Covered and non-covered parking is available. After you park and enter the building, you will be on the first floor. Follow signs to Service First for information and assistance.

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### Speakers & Agenda

#### **9:00 am Welcome/Opening**

*Kari Gilje, IRS Stakeholder Liaison  
Bob Derrick, City of Bellevue*

*William D. Bradford*

*Endowed Professor of Business and Economic Development and Finance  
Professor, University of Washington Business School*

#### **Washington Minority Small Business Survey**

Prof. Bradford, along with Prof. Vandra Huber, is the author of the Washington Minority Small Business Survey. This survey, the first of its kind in the nation, measures the performance and expectations of minority-owned businesses. The survey will be conducted every six months as a way of measuring the progress of this important sector of the state's economy.

*Connie Marshall*

*Regional Advocate, US Small Business Administration*

#### **Small Business Studies**

Overview of recent studies completed by the US Small Business Administration's Office of Advocacy, including Women in Business, Minority Business Owners and the impact of small businesses on the Gross National Product.

*Dean Hyle, Direct Sellers Association*

Benefits of having an IRS tax center on your organization's web site

*Kari Gilje, Internal Revenue Service Stakeholder Liaison*

- Setting up a tax center
- IRS updates and information sharing for you and your members

#### **Roundtable discussion and information sharing**

**11:30 am Adjourn**

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