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SBDC at PBCC to Host Small Business Issues Forum

(Lake Worth, Fla. – March 16, 2009) - The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at Palm Beach Community College, in coordination with Corporate and Continuing Education at PBCC, will host one of the State of Florida Office of Small Business Advocate's Small Business Issues Forums on March 26, from 8:00 a.m. until noon. The event will be held in the Natural Science building, room 129, PBCC at Lake Worth, 4200 Congress Ave.

The State of Florida Office of Small Business Advocate's Small Business Issues Forums are designed to bring members of the small business community; supporting organizations, such as local chambers of commerce and other economic development agencies; and government officials together to discuss the key issues and concerns facing small businesses in Florida and to brainstorm possible solutions. These forums will particularly focus on issues that can be addressed at the state level.

While there is no registration fee, all participants are asked to complete the online registration form at <http://floridaosba.org/>. Since space is limited, registrations will be accepted on a first come, first served basis until the forum's limit has been reached.

The State of Florida Office of Small Business Advocate was created by Florida Chapter 2008-149, House Bill 7109, to serve as the principal advocate for small businesses in the state by representing their views and interests before the state government and its agencies. The Office of Small Business Advocate is housed and supported by the Florida Small Business Development Center Network.

For more information regarding the State of Florida Office of Small Business Advocate and its forums, please visit <http://floridaosba.org/> or contact Jennifer Crews, Coordinator at 850-473-7817 or jennifer.crews@floridaosba.org.

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About Palm Beach Community College: Serving more than 46,000 students annually, Palm Beach Community College is the largest institution of higher education in Palm Beach County, providing the bachelor's degree, associate degrees, professional certificates, career training and lifelong learning. Florida's first public community college, PBCC offers more than 100 programs of study at locations in Lake Worth, Boca Raton, Palm Beach Gardens and Belle Glade.

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