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Governor Sandoval to Address Small Business Conference Luncheon

Inaugural Governor's Conference on Small Business 2012 event to be held Friday, November 2

Las Vegas, NV- Governor Brian Sandoval will address conference participants during a luncheon keynote address taking place at the Orleans Hotel and Casino on Friday, November 2. Part of a robust schedule of activities slated to take place during the **Governor's Conference on Small Business 2012**, the address will give small businesses and community members in attendance an opportunity to learn about the Governor's priorities for economic development and entrepreneurship.

In an effort spearheaded by the Nevada Department of Business and Industry, seven local chambers of commerce have joined the effort to plan and organize this inaugural small business conference. The collective participation of these organizations- Las Vegas, North Las Vegas (now a part of the Las Vegas Chamber), Henderson, Boulder City, Asian, Latin and Urban chambers of commerce- is an acknowledgement of how critical small business is in Nevada. *"The collaborative effort of the local chambers coming together to provide this event to the community is a testament to the power of common purpose,"* said Ashok Mirchandani, Deputy Director of Department of Business and Industry. *"A sustainable small business sector is critical to the health of our overall economy."*

In addition to the conference luncheon, attendees can visit booths throughout the day hosted by local, county and state government agency representatives, chambers of commerce, small business resource organizations and funders. Three interactive and informative panel discussions are scheduled and will

address topics including: Funding Your Business, Regulatory Reform Update and Nevada Economic Roundup.

Conference participants will have the opportunity to interface with state regulatory agency officials to share feedback and suggestions for maintaining a sensible and fair regulatory environment. *“In the past year, we have started to repeal or modify over three hundred and fifty regulations that were not conducive to business development,”* said Mirchandani. *“Under Governor Sandoval’s directive to encourage economic growth through sound regulation, we are open to reviewing any regulation or statute that might unnecessarily burden small business.”* Attendees can visit directly with regulators or attend the Regulatory Reform Update panel discussion scheduled for 9:45 am.

Registration opens at 7:30 am and light breakfast snacks will be provided. The conference will conclude with the luncheon and Governor Sandoval’s address. Attendees may choose to participate in all conference offerings or attend the luncheon only. Advanced registration is strongly recommended and includes access to the business outreach expo, panel discussions and conference luncheon. Advanced registration is \$35 per person at www.LVChamber.com or by calling (702) 641-5822. Walk-in registration is \$45 and will be accommodated as seating allows.

For more information about the Governor’s Conference on Small Business 2012, please visit www.LVChamber.com or www.facebook.com/GCSB2012. Participants can tweet about the event on twitter using #NVGovSBC.

About the Department of Business and Industry

The Department of Business & Industry is the most diverse department within Nevada state government. Encompassing 14 different agencies, B&I impacts every employer and employee in Nevada. B&I agencies include: Athletic Commission, Attorney for Injured Workers, Dairy Commission, Employment Management Relations Board, Financial Institutions Division, Housing Division, Division of Industrial Relations, Insurance Division, Labor Commissioner, Manufactured Housing Division, Division of Mortgage Lending, Nevada Transportation Authority, Real Estate Division and Taxicab Authority.

The mission of the Department of Business & Industry is to protect consumers and promote commerce. Our objective is to encourage and promote business development and growth, and to ensure the legal operation of business in order to protect consumers. These objectives are carried out through maintaining a fair and competitive regulatory environment and eliminating unnecessary and burdensome regulations when possible.

In addition, the Nevada State Department of Business and Industry is committed to providing leadership for small businesses in the areas of advocacy, navigating state government, access to capital and training.

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