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[The Niles Re-Opening](#)

The renovation and re-opening of The Niles on Main Street in Alturas is quite the excitement in the community. Jim and Elizabeth Cavasso recently purchased the historic building and started renovations immediately. The building that was built in 1903 has had several updates inside and out with new paint, windows, and lots cleaning and scrubbing. They plan to open the Niles Coffee Company serving Starbucks products and the Niles Saloon on October 1st. The Niles has already hosted several special events and meetings, including the Sierra Nevada Conservancy meeting, a Rotary event, and the reception for the Annual Balloon Festival in September.



FTC Workshop

In partnership with the Federal Technology Center, The Business & Career Network was the location of a seminar entitled "Getting Started with Government Contracting" on August 24th, 2011. Seven business owners and entrepreneurs attended the seminar, which was presented by FTC's Jayne Murnane. Participants learned the federal, state, and local government requirements, certifications, and qualifications.

In this beginning level class they learned:

- Why and how to obtain a DUNS Number
- How to research your NAICS and SIC Codes
- Why registering in Central Contractor Registration (CCR) is so important
- What "ORCA" is
- Reporting requirements for small businesses
- How to apply for federal certifications through the Small Business Administration (SBA): 8(a) Business Development Program, and Historically Underutilized Business Zone (HUBZone) Program
- How to apply for State of California certifications: Small Business, Disabled Veterans Business Enterprise (DVBE), and California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program
- How to search for government contracting opportunities

Getting Started with GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING
Learn federal, state and local government requirements, certifications, and qualifications.

August 24, 2011 - 9 am to 12 pm

5 Great Reasons to Attend This Class

1. Submitted for the first time, your business can be added to government websites.
2. Learn which certifications make you best suited for your company.
3. Avoid the time and money that goes into searching for government opportunities.
4. Learn how to take full advantage of the Federal Technology Center's free government contracting services for small business people.
5. Get insight into how to search for government opportunities.

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Presented by:
THE FEDERAL TECHNOLOGY CENTER

Cost:
This class is FREE. To see our complete list of free government contracting courses, go to www.theftc.org.

Who should attend:
Anyone who wants to tap into the more than \$500 billion that government spends annually on goods and services. No government contracting experience required, although your business should be established if you have never done business with the government or do not have a background in contracting. Ask your state to learn more, this class is for you. This class is an efficient way for you to learn what it takes to get started on the road to selling your goods and services to the government.

Location:
Maddox Employment Center
221 North Main Street
Anaheim, CA 92701

Registration:
Pre-registration is required due to limited seating.
Register online at www.theftc.org. For questions, call 866.382.7822 toll free.

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For more information, visit the FTC web site at www.theftc.org

Youth Program

Currently in our youth program we have three new enrollments for the current year which now gives us a total of 10 enrolled. Out of all the youth we have four that are actively working towards their GEDs and one that is in school and will be graduating in December 2011. All of the youth that are working towards their GED/HS Diploma are on track on doing well. Several of the others are finishing up their workshops and seeking full-time employment.

Success Stories

Brittany Wagner



Brittany Wagner is currently in our youth program and one of her goals was to obtain her GED. She received tutoring and assistance with the testing fee and successfully completed that goal. She passed her GED with a score of over 600 points which is extremely high. Congratulations to Brittany for obtaining her GED and taking a major step towards her future success.

Chris DiRienzo



Chris was enrolled in our program in June 2011. He had been out of the job market since 2008 and due to economic conditions had been unable to obtain employment. He met with his CCA on a regular basis and turned in applications. He had expressed an interest in attending The American Truck School in Redding to become a Long Haul Truck Driver. He went to the school and attended their 4 week session that started August 1. Chris completed the training and obtained his Certificate and earned his CDL license. He was offered a full-time job right out of training with Covenant Transport, Inc. and started his position on September 11. Congratulations to Chris!!!

Daree Olson



Daree became enrolled in our program in July 2011. She had just relocated from Susanville to Alturas and was looking for a full-time position. She met with her CCA on a regular basis and followed through when she was given job referrals. She was referred to a receptionist position at the Modoc Veterinarian Center and she applied and was called in for an interview. She was hired for the position in August. Congratulations Daree on obtaining your full-time position!!!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

For more information on upcoming events & workshop visit:

<http://www.afwdhr.org/id3.html>

October 11th - Economic Vitality Meeting

October 20th – FTC Workshop-Project Management

November 8th - Economic Vitality Meeting

December 13th - Economic Vitality Meeting