

**\*\*\*MEDIA ALERT\*\*\*MEDIA ALERT\*\*\***

July 2, 2009

***SENATOR GRAY EVANS ENCOURAGES PUBLIC TO ATTEND  
SMALL BUSINESS OUTREACH CONFERENCE***

State Senator Cheryl Gray Evans is encouraging the public to attend the 2009 Small Business Outreach Conference on *JUNE 30, 2009 at the LINDY C. BOGGS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTER at UNO RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY PARK at 2045 LAKSHORE DRIVE.* The itinerary is as follows:

**8:00-8:45 Registration**

**9:00-10:15 Opening Remarks:**

**The Honorable Mary Landrieu, Chair**

**Committee of Small Business & Entrepreneurship, U.S. Senate**

**The Honorable Gordon Mills, Administrator**

**U.S. Small Business Administration**

**Mr. Don Cravins, Jr., Staff Director and Chief Legal Counsel**

**U.S. Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship**

**Michael Ricks, District Director**

**U.S. Small Business Administration**

**SBA Programs and Services**

**John W. Matthews, Jr., Executive Director Small Business Services**

**Louisiana Economic Development**

**Mary Lynn Wilkerson, State Director**

**LSBDC technical assistance for entrepreneurs**

**Break 10:15-10:30**

**10:35-11:45 Breakout Session**

**Presentations and Q&A:**

**Reginald Harley, U.S. SBA**

**Capital Access**

**Introductions to SBA Loan Program**

**7A Loans**  
**504 Loans**

**JoAnn Lawrence, U.S. SBA**  
**Federal Government Contracting and Certification Programs**  
**8(a) Certification and online applications**  
**Hub Zone**  
**CCR Registration**

**The SB Q&A and an overview for the Recovery Act and loans can be found at:**

**<http://www.sba.gov/>**

**<http://stimulus.la.gov/>**

**More documents to download from LSBDC at [www.lsbdc.org](http://www.lsbdc.org) under "resources".**

**For information on this and other important issues, citizens can contact Senator Gray Evans at (504) 568-2098.**