



OREGON SMALL BUSINESS FAIR



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Free event to assist business owners and entrepreneurs with their business questions and problems.

No matter what stage your business is at – existing, new, startup, pre-startup, or still a dream – get the answers to your questions in a non-selling environment.



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The OSBF is a one-day free event for business owners to learn more about starting, running and succeeding as a small business. The fair features 90 Exhibitors from federal, state and local agencies; along with a number of for-profit businesses in a NON-SELLING environment. Attendees can enjoy a wide range of workshops separated into three tracks.



Becoming an Exhibitor is a great way to show your support for small business in Oregon and Southwest Washington. Exhibitors enjoy more than having their names in Fair marketing. The true worth of Exhibiting is the attention attendees place on Exhibitors who are interested in their success. Specific benefits are as simple as name recognition and as complex as being recognized as an expert in the small business world.

WORKSHOP TRACKS

TRACK #1

Things you need to know to START A BUSINESS

This track has three classes that discuss everything from federal and state taxes to working with the state of Oregon as a contractor.

TRACK #2

Things you need to know to STAY IN BUSINESS

The classes in this track focus on how to take your business to the next level. How to become certified. Where to get money. What to look for in a contract.

TRACK #3

Things you need to know to GROW A BUSINESS

Track three covers current topics that are top of mind for small business. How to leverage social media, branding and diversity to advantage.



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THE HISTORY OF THE FAIR

The Oregon Small Business Fair began in 1994. Experts from city, county, state, federal, academic and business sources come together in one location to benefit small business owners.

While each year's fair brings changes – two things are always certain: It is a non-selling environment, and it is free to attend.



KAY DEL MARSHALL

Kay Del Marshall was the IRS Senior Stakeholder Liaison responsible for small business tax education for all industry in Oregon, until her retirement in 2018. She was Stakeholder Liaison's Disaster Coordinator for Oregon.

She was a Taxpayer Service Specialist in Customer Service from 1994 thru 2000, answering the highly technical tax questions on the 1-800 line and on the internet and teaching new recruits the tax law. Kay Del has provided tax education to small business since 2001. Marshall holds a Master of Science Degree in Management from Marylhurst University.



WHAT ATTENDEES SAY...

“Creative Social Media”

Great info and well presented! There was so much information. I know I only caught about half. The handouts and contact information were a great addition to the discussion.

“Non-Traditional Funding”

There was so much to learn. Having information on accessing creative capital funding was terrific. The workshop could have been longer, and the handouts will point me in the right direction.

“Exhibitors”

Wow, the quality of the exhibitors was incredible! I wasn't expecting to meet everyone from the State of Oregon to the City of Portland.

Oregon Small Business Fair provides information and access to agencies in a non-selling environment – they mean it!



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YOU'RE INVITED!



Become part of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary celebration. The Oregon Small Business Fair is thrilled to invite you to become a Exhibitor.

The Oregon Small Business Fair is focused on educating the small business owner, entrepreneur, new business owner and pre-startup dreamer. Traditionally only non-profit and government entities have been asked to participate. This year we are offering YOU an opportunity to show your support for small business in Oregon and Southwest Washington.

NETWORKING

Exhibiting shows the Oregon and Southwest Washington business communities your commitment to small business. All these resources in one location makes a great networking opportunity.

EXHIBIT HALL

Exhibitors are assigned tables in the exhibit hall. Attendees are urged to use the Exhibit Hall as their resource for answers from professionals who care about them and their success.



BENEFITS OF EXHIBITING

EXHIBIT SPACE

Exhibit space is included in your Exhibitor Package. Your space will be in the same area as the sponsors and open to the attendees before, during and after the presentations.

EXHIBITOR LEVELS

Benefits of being an exhibitor include, being publicly acknowledged as a supporter of small business in the Portland Metro area; recognition as an expert in your field; and the opportunity to display your knowledge for the benefit of our small business attendees.

NAME RECOGNITION

Support shows the Oregon and Southwest Washington business communities your commitment to small business success.



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EXHIBITOR FAQ



Date

Date: September 14, 2019
Fair 8am - 4pm
Workshops 9am - 3pm

Location

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Portland
1000 NE Multnomah St, Portland, OR 97232

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Attendance Demographics

WHAT BROUGHT YOU TO THE FAIR?

- 20% Thinking about starting a business
- 38% Starting a business
- 26% Own a business
- 9% Business Consultant
- 3% Government Agency
- 4% Other

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE FAIR?

- 34% Social Media
- 4% Print media
- 12% Small Business Development Center
- 17% Word of mouth
- 2% Attended previous
- 31% Other (most from Exhibitor)

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WORKSHOP TOPICS



COBID/ORPIN/DIVERSITY – AVENUES OF OPPORTUNITY

CoBID – Certifications can help level the playing field when competing for business. ORPIN - Are state contracting opportunities a potential source of business for your company? Diversity - Beyond the social implications, why is diversity important for the health of your business?

FUNDING

Are you past the point of self-funding and maxing out credit cards? Learn about traditional funding, government funding, and alternative funding in an informative panel discussion format.

TAXES

Understanding taxes can be overwhelming! Get a clear overview as well as detailed information so you can stay on top of this important aspect of owning a business.

HOW TO PICK A BUSINESS STRUCTURE

What do all these acronyms mean for your business? C, S, LLC, B, etc. We can help you make sense of the alphabet soup of business structure, and how to determine which choices are right for you.

DOING THE JOB VS. RUNNING THE BUSINESS

How is doing the job different from running the business, and when is it time to get help?

BRANDING & MARKETING

Are these interchangeable terms? Learn the difference and why they are critical to the success of your business.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY & TRADEMARKS

Have you ever heard of Visicalc? It was the original spreadsheet software before Lotus123 and Excel. Guess what they didn't do?? Guess how much it cost them! Learn how to protect what is yours.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Is your profit and loss statement your most valuable business tool? Find out how to make this information work for you when developing your business plan.

DIGITAL MARKETING

Are you suffering from digital marketing overwhelm? Get a great overview of what this is and how it can help your business. Learn how to choose the right tools for the job, and how to keep up with the ever changing digital landscape.

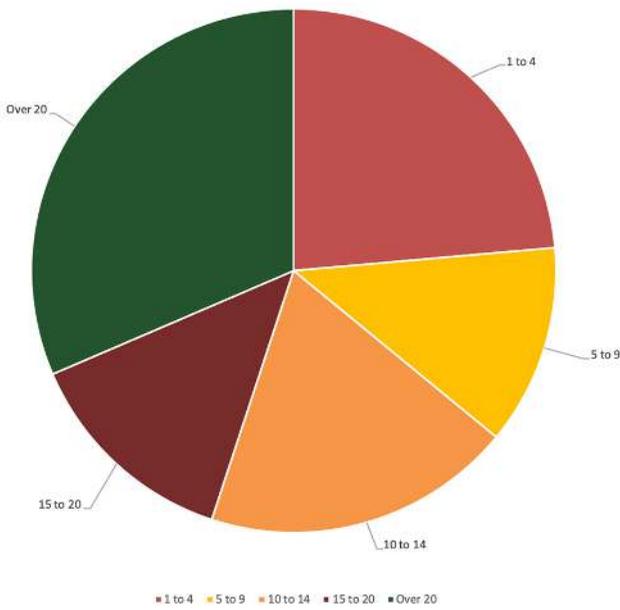


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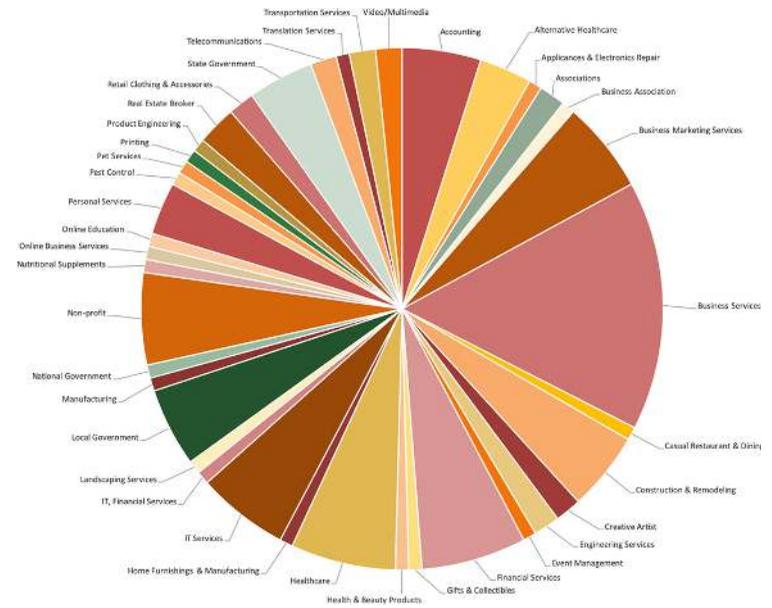


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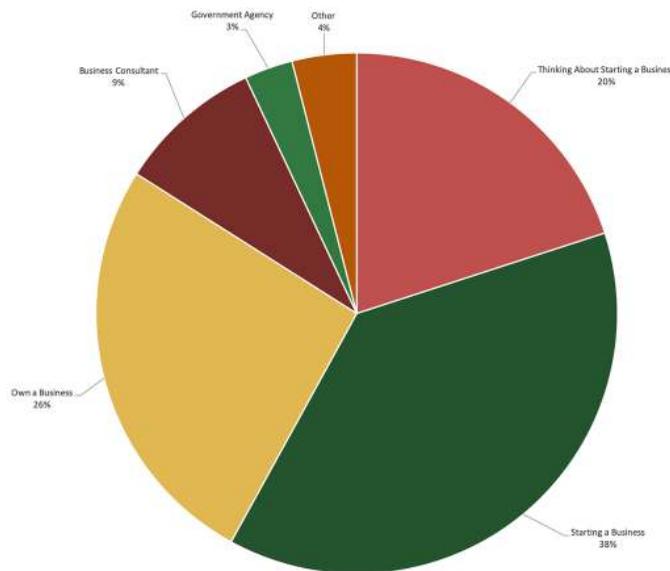
YEARS IN BUSINESS



ATTENDEE CATEGORIES



BUSINESS LIFE STAGE





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BOARD MEMBERS



Joan Mershon, President

Joan became President in 2018 when OSBF became a 501c3. Her dedication to small business education is tireless. Joan is the Founder and President of Lifeability, a small business in the Portland area.



Kay Del Marshall, Vice-President

Kay Del founded the Oregon Small Business Fair while working for the IRS. She is now retired but her dedication to small business continues. In 2017 Governor Kate Brown recognized her effort with a Certificate of Achievement for her efforts.



Robynne Davis, Board Secretary

Robynne was asked to join the board to help with sponsorship recruitment and marketing. Her company Robynne Davis Consulting focuses on the needs of small business. Robynne is the CEO of PDX Creative Collective where she coaches clients with energetic communication, business development and tactics.



Karin Conrad, Board Treasurer

Karin became involved with the OSBF in May of 2018. As Treasurer and Marketing Liaison, she is thrilled to have an opportunity to give back to the community in this way. Karin is the President of 1525, Inc. - a full service Promotional Marketing Agency.



Tom Hering, Board Member At-Large

Tom brings decades of experience as a small business leader. His company Benefit Corporations for Good works to improve the Benefit Corporation Movement, helping small and mid-size businesses and cause-driven companies actualize the 3P's of People, Planet, Profit. Providing strategic marketing, market research and communications to support social enterprises.



Evelyn Liu, Board Member At-Large

Evelyn is a staple of the Portland business scene. She was most recently on the board of the Asian Pacific American Chamber of Commerce. Her knowledge and contacts are invaluable for OSBF.