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**FREE SMALL BUSINESS FINANCING WORKSHOP TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD  
BESSEMER PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**BESSEMER/BUCKSVILLE** – Local business leaders and advocates are teaming up to offer a free Lunch-n-Learn Small Business Workshop on Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Bessemer Library entitled “Getting a Small Business Loan”. A choice of two identical sessions will take place at 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to allow for those interested in attending to attend the most convenient session. Each session will last 90 minutes, and attendees will be provided a box lunch “to go” or eat during the informal session.

The workshop, sponsored in part by the Alabama Minority Business Opportunity Center and the South Region Minority Supplier Development Council, will feature a joint presentation by Accountant Tim Clay, EA, of Accounting and Business Consultants, Inc. located in Brighton and Chris Alvis, Commercial Lender for First United Security Bank in Bucksville. The workshop will include information regarding the availability and types of loans, preparation for loan documents needed, examples of positive and negative business loans, and how to best choose a provider for small business financing.

Though the workshop is free, space is limited. Reservations can be made by emailing [tclay@e-controller.com](mailto:tclay@e-controller.com) or by calling First United Security Bank’s Bucksville office at (205) 477-4623.

**Presenter and Sponsor Information**

**Tim Clay** has been assisting small businesses and individuals since 1984, and has degrees from the University of Alabama (Masters Business Administration – 1982) and Oakwood College (BS, Business Administration – 1978). Clay, along with Deryck Ferrier, own **Accounting and Business Consultants, Inc.** in Brighton. “In the current economy many businesses are looking to grow and don’t realize that small community banks like First United Security is a very viable option. I am more than happy to work with them to provide this information that can assist in getting a loan from any bank.”

**Chris Alvis** a commercial lender/assistant vice president at First United Security Bank’s Bucksville office. He has 13 years in lending. “I look forward to sharing some examples and thoughts from my experience as a commercial lender to help those small business owners and those considering starting a business,” Alvis said.

Established in 1952, **First United Security Bank** serves Clarke, Bibb, Choctaw, Shelby and Tuscaloosa Counties in Alabama through its 19 offices in Brent, Bucksville, Butler, Calera, Centreville, Coffeetown, Columbiana, Fulton, Gilbertown, Grove Hill, Harpersville, Jackson, Thomasville, Tuscaloosa and Woodstock, Alabama. The bank holds more than \$680 million in assets, is a member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and is an Equal Housing Lender. For more information, visit the bank’s website at: [www.firstusbank.com](http://www.firstusbank.com). Or write to: First United Security Bank, P.O. Box 249, Thomasville, AL 36784.

**South Region Minority Supplier Development Council, SRMSDC**, is a regional affiliate of the National Minority Supplier Development Council, and certifies Minority Business Enterprises, or MBEs, for its Local and National Corporate Members. The SRMSDC’s goal is to foster relationships for MBEs with Corporations, Universities and Government Entities.

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