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**TRAINING OFFERED FOR SMALL BUSINESSES WELL ATTENDED**

THOMASVILLE, AL – A small business workshop was recently held at the McDonald Hughes Center in Tuscaloosa with more than 25 people in attendance. Sponsors for the workshop were First United Security Bank, Alabama Minority Business Opportunity Center (MBOC), Accounting and Business Consultant's, Inc. (ABC, INC) and South Region Minority Development Council (SRMDC). Presenters were Bob Sellers, Commercial Lender for First United Security Bank's Tuscaloosa Office and Tim Clay, Enrolled Agent for ABC, Inc. According to Sellers, the workshop held in Tuscaloosa on July 22 was a success. "I believe the goal of making ourselves available to small business owners in a casual environment was accomplished by providing a setting in which all the participants were made feel comfortable," Sellers said. "Discussions began with questions from the participants, and the event resulted in several one-on-one appointments where existing and prospective small business owners discussed their financial future."

The workshop featured 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. "I'm excited about this series of programs. Very seldom do minority businesses get the opportunity to learn about financing options, and actually meet with a lending officer as well," ALMBOC Project Manager Lance Mitchell said. "I look forward to more successful seminars."

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