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Congressman Oberstar to visit PTC for *Small Business Day*

PINE CITY, Minn. – On Mon. Aug. 9, Pine Technical College will host Minnesota’s 8th Congressional District *Small Business Day: Connecting Businesses with Opportunities*. The event begins with registration at 8 a.m., and Congressman James Oberstar will speak at 8:30 a.m.

Presented by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) and Oberstar, the event’s purpose is to connect small businesses with federal, state and local government contracting opportunities while educating small business owners regarding resources available to help their businesses grow. Following Oberstar’s opening remarks, event attendees will have the opportunity to meet representatives from the federal government, various state agencies and small business resource centers. In addition to informational exhibits, DOT and the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU) will present two bonus workshops, *Access to Capital* and *How to Contract with the Government*.

“PTC is happy to host this event with a focus on improving the health of local business and industry,” said PTC President Robert Musgrove. “As a technical college, we understand our role in providing skilled graduates to Pine Area businesses and industries. This event is all about supporting the local economy and industries, and therefore closely aligned with PTC’s mission,” Musgrove added.

PTC is working alongside the DOT in organizing the event. In addition to Oberstar, speakers will include representatives from the DOT’s federal and state offices and the Small Business Administration. Event attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions of the speakers and participate in a networking session with federal and state agencies.

Agencies invited to participate:

- U.S. Department of Transportation
- U.S. Small Business Administration
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Minnesota Department of Transportation (HDOT)

- Minnesota Procurement Technical Assistance Center
- Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs
- The Chamber of Commerce of Minnesota
- Minnesota Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- The Associated General Contractors of Minnesota (AGC)
- The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED)
- The Women’s Business Development Center – Minnesota (WBDC-MN)
- Association of Women Contractors
- Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity
- Minnesota American Indian Chamber of Commerce
- St Paul Department of Human Rights and Equal Economic Opportunity
- Spring Board Economic Development Corporation
- Turtle Island PTAC

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