

## **NEW! Douglas County State of Business Survey**

In order to continue to serve our business community, we need to better understand our businesses specific circumstances due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and how we can best assist. Please take a few minutes to complete the “Douglas County State of Business Survey,” and, please feel free to share the survey link with other Douglas County businesses. The more information we have about the needs of our local businesses will only help us to better support and assist our businesses.

**TAKE THE SURVEY**

Thank you!

## **Reservation Deadline! “COVID-19...Eight Months and Counting”**

### **Virtual Program Reservations Open**

**Reservation Deadline is October 13.** Online reservations open for the chamber’s virtual October membership program, “COVID-19: Eight Months and Counting” presented by Douglas County Commissioner Tim Freeman and Douglas County Public Health Officer, Dr. Bob Dannenhoffer.

Season pass holders need to do nothing. You are registered for the October 19 program. Access links to the virtual event will be made available to you prior to October 19. Our October program is sponsored by CSO Financial.

For those without season passes, advanced registration is required and the deadline to register is by 5:00 p.m. on October 13. A one-time access code/link will be forwarded per registration prior to the October 19 program. **MAKE MY RESERVATION**

## **NEW Simpler Process for PPP Loan Forgiveness**

Late Thursday, the US Treasury and Small Business Administration released a new application and simplified process for small business owners who took out Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans (of \$50,000 or less), to seek loan forgiveness. For more information and to see if your business qualifies for the new loan forgiveness process:

[Simpler PPP Loan Forgiveness Application](#)

[PPP Application Instructions](#)

## **Fourth and FINAL Round of Emergency Business Assistance Grant Funds Now Available**

CCD Business Development Corporation has launched Round 4 (the final round) of the CCD/Business Oregon COVID-19 Emergency Business Assistance Grant Program. The application form is on the chamber website at **CCD BUSINESS ASSISTANCE GRANT**—RD 4, or visit the **CCD website** for the application and grant information. This final round ends on November 11, 2020.

CCD, with its partners, has successfully deployed approximately \$560,000 in grants to date. Businesses who received grants in Rounds 1-3 will receive an additional grant in Round 4 through a supplemental application process. CCD staff will reach out to those businesses directly with the supplemental application.

### **Round 4 Things to Remember:**

- Business must be headquartered in Oregon;
- If required by Oregon to be registered, business must be registered;
- Business must have 25 or fewer employees;
- Business must have been affected by COVID-19; and,
- If a nonprofit, business must have 501(c)(3) status.

### **Important Changes in Round 4:**

- If business was prohibited from operation as directed by Executive Order 20-12, business must demonstrate a one-month decline in sales of 25% (down from 50% in Rounds 1-3).
- The demonstrated decline can now be compared to 2019. For instance, your 2020 July sales compared to your 2019 July sales. (Accepting any months between March 2020 and August 2020.)
- All businesses who have received federal funding to date (PPP, EIDL, etc.) can apply if the total received is less than \$100K.

## **Corporate Activity Tax (CAT) Updates**

**CAT Rules Hearing Scheduled for October 27.** In accordance with social distancing measures necessary during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Department of Revenue (DOR) will host a public hearing for eight permanent administrative rules for the Corporate Activity Tax and five other rules via conference call from 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, October 27.

To participate in the hearing, interested parties should call 541-465-2805 and enter conference PIN 234470 when prompted. Those wishing to testify at the hearing will need to register beginning at 8:45 a.m. on the conference call line. Those needing to make alternate arrangements for registration should contact the DOR rules coordinator before 8:45 a.m. Tuesday, October 27. [LEARN MORE](#)

**Corporate Activity Tax (CAT) FAQ Updated.** The Corporate Activity Tax policy staff has recently updated information found on the [CAT page](#) of the agency's website under the headings Frequently asked questions and Beyond the FAQ.

Updates to [Frequently asked questions](#) include the answers for:

- What is the CAT?
- What is commercial activity?
- Who is not subject to the CAT?

Updates to the [Beyond the FAQ](#) include the answers and supporting materials for:

- When will the department impose interest and penalties?
- Can I exclude receipts from the sale of groceries?
- Are receipts from sales to Oregon wholesalers excludable?

## **Wildfire Recovery Assistance Information—UPDATED** **INFORMATION ONLINE**

For those impacted by the recent wildfires, the Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce continues to update daily a detailed list of resources and information on our website to assist our local businesses and residents during recovery. Please check back often, as the resource information from FEMA, US Small Business Administration, the state of Oregon and the chamber's economic-growth/sustainability partners, is relayed to the chamber almost daily. The wildfire disaster assistance information is under the chamber's "Current News" page, "[Resource Information for Recovery Related to 2020 Wildfires](#)" section. FYI, it's the section past all the COVID-19 pandemic resource information ... just keep scrolling like you're spinning the wheel on *The Price is Right* or looking for your birth year in the 1960s.

## **Project Leadership Roseburg**

**November 6 Application Deadline.** As most of you know, due to safety guidelines and restrictions currently in place, the chamber moved the start of the 32<sup>nd</sup> year of its distinguished professional development leadership program to January 2021.

The changes to the program (other than starting in January) include ending in June (rather than May) and having two workshops in the month of April (second and fourth Thursdays). More detailed information regarding workshop schedules for 2021 will be available in by mid-November.

The new deadline for submitting a Project Leadership participant application is Friday, November 6, 2020. Check out more information about our leadership program and the application at [PROJECT LEADERSHIP](#).

## **Economic Forecast 2021 Reservations Open Now!**

The chamber's Economic Forecast 2021 virtual program on November 12 will explore significant economic issues affecting Douglas County businesses. Our virtual panel of presenters will recap the doozy of year 2020 has been, how business has been impacted and forecast what might be expected in 2021. This year's program will look at the economic impacts resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, social unrest, catastrophic wildfires and state/national elections. Discussion will look at the economic effects from Douglas County to the global economy. The November 12 virtual program is scheduled from 9:00 to 11:15 a.m. [MAKE RESERVATIONS NOW!](#)

Thank you to our generous member-sponsors for Economic Forecast 2021: **Addcox Heating Center, Bowers Industrial, Gordon Wood Insurance & Financial Services, Inc., Lone Rock Resources, Roseburg Forest Products and Umpqua Bank.** Sponsors need not register; program link will be emailed to you in advance of November 12!

## Chamber Programs, Notes & Updates

**Business Perspectives Newsletter.** Be sure and check out the chamber's September/October 2020 issue of [Business Perspectives](#).

### **Membership Meeting Program and Economic Forecast 2021!**

**Reservations Open** for October 19 virtual [Membership Meeting](#) program "COVID-19: Eight Weeks and Counting" and the chamber's November 12 [Economic Forecast 2021](#) program.

**Project Leadership Roseburg Accepting Applications!** As you know, due to safety guidelines and restrictions currently in place and the uncertainty of potential future changes, the chamber moved the start of the 32<sup>nd</sup> year of its distinguished leadership program to January 2021.

The changes to the program (other than starting in January) include ending in June (rather than May) and having two workshops in the month of April (second and fourth Thursdays). More detailed information regarding workshop schedules for 2021 will be available in by mid-November.

The new deadline for submitting a Project Leadership participant application is Friday, November 6, 2020. Go to pages 8-11 of the chamber's September/October issue of *Business Perspectives*...just ignore the current workshop dates! [PROJECT LEADERSHIP](#)

## Information and Resources for Businesses Related to the COVID-19 Pandemic: <https://roseburgchamber.com/news/current-news/>

Please continue to check back, as the chamber updates its resource information almost daily. And, please share this link with friends and colleagues. The more our local businesses are armed with information and access to resources, the stronger our recovery.

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