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Help for Small Business at hand

The Armidale & District Business Enterprise Centre BEC, in partnership with the Tamworth & District Chamber of Commerce and Industry have been offered a \$100,000 grant from the Small Business Advisory Services (SBAS) Program to deliver one-on-one business consultations including assistance with legal and accounting issues, workshops, online access to information and networking activities.

The announcement made by the Minister for Small Business, the Hon Dr Craig Emerson has been welcomed by the Independent Member for New England Tony Windsor.

“Small business is the backbone of our regional communities through the jobs and the economic activity they create.

In doing so, the proprietors take great risk putting in long hours and facing many pressures.

In this time of economic uncertainty, it is vitally important to provide small business people with support through proper guidance and counselling so that they can continue to provide for their families and their employees and get through to the better times ahead.

I welcome the government’s support of the Armidale BEC in conjunction with the Tamworth Chamber of Commerce and encourage business people to make use of the service to maximise their opportunities,” Mr Windsor said.

Under the program, assistance is available in the areas of business planning advice, advice on loans and banking products including preparing for and seeking access to credit through financial service providers, development of simple marketing plans, assistance accessing legal and accounting services, leasing guidance, advice on government regulation or mentoring for business.

Workshop sessions and one-on-one consultations will be held throughout the region with the region being broken into four sectors

Delivery Sector 1. Bendemeer, Tamworth, Quirindi, Nundle, Manilla

Delivery Sector 2. Gunnedah, Boggabri, Narrabri, Wee Waa, Moree

Delivery Sector 3. Warialda, Inverell, Bingara, Glen Innes and Tenterfield

Delivery Sector 4. Guyra, Armidale, Uralla, Walcha, Bundarra, Barraba

Small business proprietors wanting assistance should contact the Armidale & District Business Enterprise Centre on 6771-2556 or the Tamworth & District Chamber of Commerce and Industry on 6766-4810.

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