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WASHINGTON, DC—Rep. DeFazio (D-Springfield) today announced that he will be joining with the Government Contract Assistance Program (GCAP) to host a training event for Oregon small businesses interested in competing for government contracts on public lands. The event will take place on March 30, 2010 at the Holiday Inn, Kruse Way, Springfield, OR. Registration starts at 8:00 a.m. and the training will be from 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. The cost is \$35 with lunch and continental breakfast provided.

Congressman DeFazio will speak at the event and he and his staff will be available to answer questions. Other speakers include Mark L LaCroix the Contracting Officer from Fremont-Winema National Forest, James E. Steiner, the Business Development Specialist at the Small Business Administration (SBA) and Dee Edwards the Program Manager at GCAP.

Topics of discussion include:

- The Basics of Government Contracting,
  
- SBA programs
  
- The Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industry and the federal Department of Labor requirements for government contractors
  
- How to contract with the Forest Service with Multiple Award Task Order Contracts and Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity Contracts.
  
- A panel of experts from the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service discuss trends, stimulus and contracting with their agency

Congressman DeFazio is pleased to be working with GCAP to deliver technical assistance services to Oregon businesses. Since its inception in 1986, GCAP has provided counseling and training leading to thousands of Oregon businesses leading to hundreds of millions of dollars in contract awards. GCAP is the only organization available to Oregon businesses that provides in-depth procurement counseling, technical training, and marketing assistance on government contracting.

“There is a huge back log of thinning on maintenance projects on our local public lands. With unemployment at 20 percent in parts of southwest Oregon, it is even more important that local companies have the opportunity to compete for government contracts. This will create jobs here in Oregon and help jump start the local economy. This event is a great first step in ensuring this happens,” DeFazio said.

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