### A One Stop Shop for Small

#### and Micro Business

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# Valley Economic Development Center

- Multi-ethnic CDC serving LA, Ventura, and Orange counties
- Will serve over 6,000 businesses in 2008
- Technical Assistance Provider for 32 years
- Largest Business Development Org. in Metro Los Angeles
- Toffices stretching from the Valley to Downtown

# One Stop Shop for Small Business

 Womens Business Center/Microenterprise Training Glendale Capital Access Center Los Angeles Business Development Corporation Downtown Historic Core Retail Project Retail and Economic Development San Fernando Valley Financial Development Corporation Pacoima/Credit Union

# Womens Business Center/SFV Microenterprise Education

- Serving 5,000 businesses annually
- One on One Consulting: Marketing, Accounting, Strategic Planning
- 100 Workshops annually
- Funding provided by SBA and City of Los Angeles (CDBG)
- Startup and Business Plan Assistance
- Microenterprise/Entrepreneur training to fledging and startup business; Spanish language training

#### **Glendale Capital Access Center:**

 Serves 1,000 businesses annually Funding provided by Bank of America/Small **Business Lending**  Originates over 500 SBA loans annually in **Downtown and Main Office** 300 loans funded for \$15 million in last SBA fiscal year, avg size: \$50,000

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### **Community Express**

Partnership with Innovative Bank

- Originates 200 loans annually w/ 50% plus approval
- Stated income program based on FICO and type of business

Loans from \$5-100k, 80% guarantee
VEDC CAC originates and inputs directly into Innovative database

### **Community Express, cont**

TA provider to Wells Fargo, US Bank and others
Loans up to \$250,000 with up to 80% guarantee
Needs upfront assessment and identifiable TA program: training, workshops, one on one counseling

 Post loan referrals to TA providers may not qualify as eligible TA

#### **Bank Partners**

 Partnering with numerous commercial banks, including Wells Fargo, Bank of America, Wachovia, Citibank, HSBC, Wamu, and Cathay Bank to provide business and community development lending,

- Banks provide yearly financial support for operating support and loan origination
- Established referral and access to capital system
- VEDC product mix includes bank products

### Where's the Money/Access to Capital Expos

- Annual events attracting up to 600 businesses in San Fernando Valley (Wells), Downtown LA (Cathay/BofA) and San Gabriel Valley (Cathay)
- Saturday morning inc bkfst, lunch, breakout sessions, loan pavilion
- 10-15 banks in expo setting offering products and services
- Wachovia Grow, Connect, Build: Expos in Orange Co., Oakland and San Diego

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# Los Angeles Business Development Corporation

 State Licensed Lender and FEDERAL Certified Development Financial Institution

 US Dept of Commerce, Economic Development Administration Revolving Loan Fund: \$5.5M Loan Fund

Generates \$500k plus in yearly operating support

Micro Lending

Portfolio Management and Debt Advisory

# **Micro Lending**

- BofA/SBA Microloans: 75 loans , \$1,000,000 annually;
   \$200,000 annual TA grant
- Pacoima Microloan Program with Wells Fargo, \$200,000
- Downtown Microloan Program with Cal National, \$200,000
- Womens Microloan program with GE Money, \$500,000
- Microlending for others: San Diego/Asian group: \$200,000: underwriting and servicing

## Downtown Historic Core Retail Project:

- Retail for Downtown residential boom of 20,000 units
- ♦50 new businesses, 400 jobs created
- \$8 million in financing thru RLF, microlending, bank partners
- Unique model of 2<sup>nd</sup> tier retail in hottest RE market in So Cal
- City National, Northern Trust support

#### **Economic Development**

#### ♦ Pacoima 14 years, 800 businesses, 2,000 jobs Retail Revitalization: \$2M in capital investment ♦ VITA: E file tax returns, 500, \$1,000,000 in refunds Chamber of Commerce, Wells Fargo support San Fernando Learning Center (Union Bank) Union Bank sponsored Technology Center: computer training 1,000 visitors in 2007

# Affiliates: San Fernando Valley Financial Development

- One of 11 FDCs in State of CA providing guarantees to bank loans and lines of credit
- Guarantee authority of \$10 million against \$2 million cash reserve
- \$30M in loans guaranteed to date, 3,000 jobs saved or created
- 14 new, small and medium sized banks are partners
   Projected to do SBA 504 lending by second quarter of 2008

# Affiliates: Pacoima Development Federal Credit Union

- Credit Union opened for business in September 2005,
- Low Income Designation
- \$2.5 million in assets, 650 members, \$600,000 in used car loans
- \$1.8 million in bank and credit union CDs
- SBA lending begun in fourth quarter of 2007

## **Self sustaining**

Self sustaining, not self sufficiency
 20% bank, corp. contributions
 10% foundation
 40% government
 30% earned income and fee for service

### **Unique Partnerships**

 Combine entrepreneurial underwriting with technical assistance

- Strong SBA relationship
- Strong credit relationship with banks
- Strong job creation requirements