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— INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES —

RESTORATION LOAN AGENCY

One of the biggest barriers for low-income people in obtaining employment and staying gainfully employed is a lack of reliable transportation. The Shasta County Department of Social Services has joined Restoration Enterprises in a partnership that provides at-risk families with small auto loans to break the transportation barrier. Restoration Enterprises manages the Revolving Auto Loan Pilot Project for clients seeking transportation loans to accept, retain or upgrade employment. Restoration Enterprises provides credit counseling and budget training as part of the program.

For more information and to find out how financial institutions can help expand the program, contact Restoration Enterprises at 530/245-0500 or RE@restoringshasta.org.

TCC SMALL BUSINESS LOAN FUND

TELACU Community Capital (TCC) is a self-sufficient nonprofit public benefit corporation that provides needed capital to small businesses located in low-to moderate-income communities of Los Angeles and Orange counties. The loan fund was established in December 2001 with a seed capital base of \$150,000 from TELACU Community Capital's parent corporation. To guide in developing new loan products and services that meet the small business owner's most pressing financing needs, TELACU Community Capital has launched a comprehensive survey of small business owners located in the cities of southeastern Los Angeles County and in the Santa Ana/Anaheim metro region. TCC is currently seeking financial and social investment partners to increase the Small Business Loan Fund to \$2 million dollars to better serve the growing number of small businesses.

For further information contact Mari Riddle, TELACU Community Capital executive director at 323/721-1655.

— REFERENCE, RESOURCES AND OTHER —

ON-LINE FINANCE TRAINING

Southern New Hampshire University (formerly New Hampshire College) announces the Community Development Finance Institution (CDFI) On-Line Training Institute. The "self-paced" training format assists local community development organizations, community credit unions and practitioners to take full advantage of experts in community development finance from around the country using today's technology. This course is designed for managers and staff from CDFIs, CDCUs, CDCs, loan funds, housing organizations, indigenous groups, land trusts, local banks and other nonprofits. The training is FREE to qualifying organizations.

The CDFI On-line Institute offers three courses:

1. How to Conduct a Market Analysis
2. How to Prepare Financial Projections
3. How to Develop and Operate a Community Development Lending Program

For more information contact Sharon Hunt at s.hunt@snhu.edu.

PRIVACY RESOURCE GUIDE

The participant's notebook from the regulatory agencies' privacy preparedness training is available. In addition to a wealth of reference material, the notebook includes copies of the Federal Register with the Privacy Rule and Interagency Guidelines for Safeguarding Customer Information. It also includes several publications from the agencies, a flow chart to help navigate the Privacy maze and finalized Privacy examination procedures.

To obtain your copy, contact Claudia McHale at 415/974-2467; or you may e-mail her at claudia.mchale@sf.frb.org. There is a nominal charge of \$25.00 for each notebook ordered to cover the material and duplication costs.

ENVISION UTAH TOOLBOX

In March, Envision Utah trained over 500 stakeholders at 17 regional workshops to use its updated Urban Planning Tools for Quality Growth. Chapters examine meeting housing needs; protecting sensitive lands; walkable communities; reuse and refill; water conservation; urban forestry; energy conservation; walkable commercial development; and public safety and street design. These strategies help give local elected and appointed officials the tools and resources to replicate Envision Utah's Quality Growth Strategy. Envision Utah recently received the rarely given Daniel Burnham Award from the American Planning Association.

For more information on Envision Utah, go to www.envisionutah.org or contact Kristin Thompson, community relations manager at 801/303-1452.

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— CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS —

JULY 21–25

June 21 is the deadline to register for the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco's National Community Development Lending School. Applications received after June 21 will be considered if space is still available. This year's school will be held on the University of Southern California campus. An online brochure can be downloaded at: www.frbsf.org/news/events/ncdls/index.html or by calling Bruce Ito at 415/974-2422. For questions about eligibility or curriculum, contact Fred Mendez at 415/974-2722.

NOVEMBER 17–18

The Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco will host *Expanding the Territory: A Faith-Based Conference For Affordable Housing and Economic Development* on November 17–18, 2002, in Los Angeles. The conference is designed for financial institutions, faith communities, developers and others to examine the faith-based financial market and focus on effective strategies for meeting the challenges of community economic development and affordable housing through investment, collaboration and education. To learn more about the bank's faith-based initiative, visit their website at: www.fhlbsf.com.

Registration materials will be sent out over the next several months. To obtain registration materials, contact Susan Broadnax via email at broadnas@fhlbsf.com or by phone at 415/616-2885.

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Program and registration details will be available in August at:
www.federalreserve.gov/communityaffairs/national/indian_countryconf/default.htm

In the meantime, inquiries may be directed to the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis at 866/226-7167 (toll free).