

## ***SBA's Experts Offer Assistance with Federal Contracting***

Thursday, March 4, 2010, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., ET

**WASHINGTON** – The SBA's Web Chat will highlight assistance to small businesses looking to grow or expand in the federal government marketplace, and businesses that need surety bonds to do public and private contracting. Business owners can find out how to position their business to sell to the government and how to obtain bonding.

**WHO:** Karen Hontz, Office of Government Contracting and Business Development, and Pam Swilling, Office of Surety Guarantees at the U. S. Small Business Administration will host the February Web chat on “***Contracting Opportunities & Surety Bonds.***” Hontz and Swilling will answer questions on doing business in the federal market and how small contractors can get assistance in obtaining surety bonds.

**WHAT:** SBA's Web chat series, providing small business owners with an opportunity to discuss relevant business issues online with experts, industry leaders and successful entrepreneurs. Chat participants will have direct, real-time access to the Web chats via questions they submit online in advance and during the live session, with instant answers.

**WHEN:** March 4, 2010, 1 p.m. ET  
Hontz and Swilling will answer questions for one hour.

**HOW:** Participants can join the live Web chat by going online to [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov), and clicking “Online Business Chat.” Web chat participants may post questions before the February 25<sup>th</sup> chat by visiting <http://web.sba.gov/livemeeting/Mar10/> and posting their questions online.

To review archives of past Web chats, visit online at <http://www.sba.gov/tools/monthlywebchat/index.html>