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**Seguin Main Street, Chambers Team Up to Offer Special Meeting for Small Business Owners, June 11 at 6 pm.**

The Seguin Main Street Program, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and Seguin Area Chamber of Commerce have teamed up to hold a special meeting that could be of interest to small business owners. Andrea Nocito, Business Development Specialist with the UTSA Small Business Development Center, will be the guest speaker at a meeting being held at the Texas Theatre on Monday, June 11 at 6 p.m. She will speak on Energy Audits, a program the federal government is providing to help small business owners reduce energy consumption and thereby reduce the cost of energy for their business.

The ideal candidate to take advantage of the Energy Audit program is a small business that is a restaurant, retail store or is a service business. Minority-owned and women-owned businesses are also encouraged to participate. The business should have been in operation for two or more years. Eligible businesses may either own or lease the property where their business is located. Not-for-profit organizations are not eligible to participate.

The Energy Audit program provides a professional review of 12-24-months of utility bills, an evaluation based on a similar industry profile of energy use, a measure of the existing building for energy consumption, and a review of the equipment being used. Possible benefits to participants include low-cost and no-cost strategies, rebates on new appliances, tax advice, and access to energy-related grants.

The program will last about an hour. At the conclusion of the program interested businesses can sign up for more information or apply to participate in the program.

The Energy Audit meeting is free and open to the public.

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