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## Senator Lanza Announces Small Business Outreach Initiative

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### **Business Experts & State Officials will Visit Staten Island to Conduct Workshops for Small Businesses**

Senator Andrew Lanza today announced a statewide initiative designed to help small business owners start and grow their businesses in the state will visit Staten Island. The team will consist of business experts and employees from at least six New York State agencies including the departments of State, Labor, Taxation and Finance as well as Empire State Development, State Liquor Authority, and the Workers Compensation Board. The team will travel to meet with Staten Islanders about the state's rules and programs intended to help small businesses.

The workshop will be conducted in conjunction with the Staten Island Economic Development Corporation. Representatives from the agencies will provide opportunities for business owners to speak to them after the main presentation and will direct them to state programs and services. Many business owners have contacted the state with questions about regulations, licenses and practices.

Some of the topics the seminars will cover include: starting a business and adhering to regulatory timelines; how to obtain and file tax forms; first steps for hiring employees; and, how to become certified as an MWBE.

Information and materials designed to assist small businesses can be found at [www.NYOpenforSmallBusiness.com](http://www.NYOpenforSmallBusiness.com).

The business outreach initiative will be held on Staten Island on the following date:

Staten Island

August 8, 2012

6:30 PM

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