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Business Expo Set for Thursday, Aug. 22

The Mobile Area Chamber is once again combining three events stacked with resources and information critical to the Mobile-Baldwin area business community with its annual Business Expo. The day is set for **Thursday, Aug. 22** and begins with a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. with a keynote address by Greg Canfield, secretary of the Alabama Department of Commerce and chairman of Alabama Economic Development Alliance.

The main event, drawing 200 exhibitors and 2,000-plus attendees, Business Expo follows the luncheon from 1 to 6 p.m. A variety of local, state and federal resource partners will be integrated among exhibitors to assist small business owners with management, financial, procurement, marketing and technical assistance. Those partners include the U.S. Small Business Administration, SCORE and the Alabama Career Center. Admission is free with business card.

The Chamber's monthly Business After Hours turns into Expo After Hours, hosted by the Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel.

Details by event:

Event 1: Expo Economic Development Luncheon

When: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Where: Arthur R. Outlaw Mobile Convention Center

Sponsor: Aker Solutions

*This luncheon is sold-out.

Event 2: Business Expo & Resource Fair

When: 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Where: Arthur R. Outlaw Mobile Convention Center Exhibit Hall

Cost: Free with business card

Presented by: Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama, Made in Alabama and Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs.

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Event 3: Expo After Hours

When: 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Where: Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel

Cost: \$5 or Stop by Business Expo for a Free Pass

Hosted by: Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza Hotel

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