

The Chicago Department of Business Affairs and Consumer Protection (BACP) and Western Union are hosting a free
BACP Small Business Expo -
Thursday, May 6th from 9 AM to 1 PM

The interactive expo provides business owners and entrepreneurs a forum for expert advice, connections with industry experts and government agencies, and new business strategies with other business owners. The expo is part of the City's effort to support neighborhood businesses and economic development by leveraging local business support resources.

The educational webinars will feature several Chicago Business Centers as panelists diving into vital financing and business planning tactics. The interactive webinars will allow attendees to ask questions specific to their own entrepreneurial journey.

The keynote speakers are *Katie Tuten, Founder and Co-Owner of The Hideout and *Joe Shanahan, Owner of Metro, Smartbar and Gman Tavern.

*For over two decades Katie has identified, supported, promoted, and consulted artists, musicians, small business owners, and nonprofit organizations. Katie is considered a highly respected leader understanding the intersection between art, music, culture, politics, education, and social justice.

*Joe has spent the past 39 years contributing to the shaping of Chicago's music community from his post on North Clark Street. The family of music venues Joe and his devoted team have built has become one of the few remaining independently owned and operated music venues in the country. Katie and Joe were named 2021 Chicagoans of the Year by Chicago Magazine. They are co-founders and Board Members of the Chicago Independent Venue League (CIVL) and founding members of the National Independent Venue Association (NIVA).

Sponsored by Western Union, the BACP Remote Small Business Expo provides free, expert advice to entrepreneurs on every stage of their journey on topics including licensing, marketing, financing and business planning.

Register with this link:

https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/bacp/supp_info/smallbusinesssexpos.html