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### **U.S. TREASURY AWARDS NEARLY \$57 MILLION TO SUPPORT CALIFORNIA'S SMALL BUSINESSES**

*Federal funds support local small business growth and economic development*

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Treasury Department today announced that California has received \$56,891,530 in State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI) funds to help small businesses access the capital they need to grow and create jobs. To date, \$167,755,641 in SSBCI funds have been disbursed to California to support small businesses and the local economy.

“Small businesses are the nation’s leading job creators, and the State Small Business Credit Initiative connects sources of capital to the small businesses that need it,” said Jeffrey Stout, Director of SSBCI. “The funds announced today will continue to support loans and investments in California’s small businesses.”

“The life blood of job creation in California rests with locally-owned small businesses, but they too often struggle with how to obtain the necessary capital to get off the ground or to pursue expansion. This additional funding provides tremendous opportunities for California to promote small business development, growth, and sustainability as the State’s economy continues to improve,” said State Treasurer John Chiang, chair of the California Pollution Control Financing Authority, which administers the State’s Capital Access Program and its Collateral Support programs.

“IBank is pleased to support the more than 3.6 million small but mighty businesses in California that employ half of our state’s private sector workforce,” said Teveia Barnes, Executive Director of IBank which administers the Small Business Loan Guarantee Program (SBLGP). “These funds from the U.S. Treasury will give a huge boost to our economy by helping small businesses expand and create more jobs.”

California’s SSBCI program has deployed more than \$106.6 million, the most SSBCI funds by dollar amount. Through 2014, business owners in California reported that the program will help them create or retain 47,678 jobs.

The Treasury Department has disbursed more than \$1.2 billion in SSBCI funds to participating states since the beginning of the program. SSBCI is designed to help spur new private sector lending or investments in small companies by leveraging the federal support offered by the program. Through 2014, states were able to generate \$7.36 in private sector lending and investments for every \$1 of federal support.

SSBCI was created by the Small Business Jobs Act on September 27, 2010. Through SSBCI, the Treasury Department will award nearly \$1.5 billion to state programs across the country that support small businesses, including small manufacturers. Each state designs its own small business programs, and California has established Capital Access, Loan Guarantee, Loan Participation, and Collateral Support programs.

To build on the momentum of the program’s success and capitalize on new working relationships among states and small business lenders and investors, President Obama proposed an extension of SSBCI in his Fiscal Year 2016 Budget request with an additional \$1.5 billion in funding. A new authorization of the SSBCI program will keep local economic development efforts strong and allow states to continue supporting small businesses, job creation, and greater levels of private lending and investments.

For more information on SSBCI and Treasury’s other small business programs, please visit [www.treasury.gov/smallbusiness](http://www.treasury.gov/smallbusiness). For more information on California’s SSBCI program, please visit <http://www.treasurer.ca.gov/cpcfafa/> and <http://www.ibank.ca.gov>

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