



*Antelope Valley Transit Authority*

## **Press Release**

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### **AVTA Reaches Out to Local Businesses.**

**LANCASTER – The Antelope Valley Transit Authority (AVTA) wants to do business with local vendors and is reaching out to encourage local participation. AVTA will be hosting a Vendor Fair on Thursday, October 27, to educate business owners about special requirements AVTA must follow to award a contract.**

**“The current economic environment continues to put a hardship on local businesses and valley residents,” stated AVTA’s Board Chair Norm Hickling, “We anticipate these outreach efforts will lead to more local contract awards which is mutually beneficial for the valley’s economy and the transit authority.”**

**The Vendor Fair will be held at the AVTA offices located at 42210 6<sup>th</sup> Street West in Lancaster from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. The event is part of an outreach campaign to educate local business owners on how to compete for AVTA contracts. The agency is funded in part through federal and state grants as well as through subsidies from the cities of Lancaster and Palmdale along with Los Angeles County.**

**“There are some simple rules the authority needs to follow when spending taxpayer dollars.” explained AVTA’s Executive Director Julie Austin, “We encourage the business community to take part in our Vendor Fair and look forward to future partnerships.” The Vendor Fair is free to all business leaders and the interested public.**

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