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Torres to address small-business strategies at chamber of commerce luncheon

Jan. 28, 2010 – PHOENIX Israel Torres, managing partner for Torres Consulting & Law Group (TCLG), will address the challenges that small business owners – contractors in particular – face in the procurement and regulatory process, at the Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce's monthly *Bridging the Gap Luncheon*.

Torres, former Cabinet member and Arizona Registrar of Contractors (ROC) appointed by Gov. Napolitano, served as chief regulator of Arizona's construction industry from 2003 to 2006.

As such, he developed and established a Small Business Advocate initiative at the ROC to assist aspiring small-business contractors in licensing and business development. He also streamlined regulatory processes for business owners and established a workshop series aimed specifically at woman-owned contracting businesses and women interested in breaking into the construction industry.

The lunch meeting takes place 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, at the Hyatt Regency Phoenix, 122 N. Second St. in Phoenix. The cost is $20 to members and non-members. To register, visit www.phoenixchamber.com.

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