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Advisory Board Council offers Orange County business owners no-cost advisory boards.

Orlando-based company named to Inc. 5000 shares story.

Orlando, FL-Thursday, September 4, 2008. The Small Business Development Center at UCF's Advisory Board Council program will host a reception for Orange County business owners on Tuesday, September 23, 5:30 to 7 pm, at the SBDC at UCF located in the Disney Entrepreneur Center, 315 East Robinson Street, Suite 100, Orlando, FL 32801.

The purpose of the complimentary reception is to present qualified Orange County businesses with information about the Advisory Board Council program and the benefits of engaging an advisory board. "We are providing local businesses with a tool that typically only large corporations have the luxury to afford," says Eunice Choi, regional director of the Small Business Development Center at UCF.

The reception will feature a testimonial by Jim Mark, president of American Home Companions, Inc. (AHC). Mark, a two-time client of the Advisory Board Council, will give testimony to the advantages of engaging an advisory board. AHC, which provides in-home eldercare companions to Florida seniors, benefited from two custom advisory boards which were instrumental in positioning the company for growth. Today, AHC is known as the market leader for the live-in home care industry in Florida and was recognized for its growth and determination by recently earning a spot on the 2008 Inc. 5000 list of the fastest growing private companies in America.

"The UCF Advisory Board Council program has been a tremendous asset to small businesses throughout Central Florida. Anyone who attends this reception will have the opportunity to meet some of these board members, as well as experts from the SBDC. I highly recommend this event for all small business owners in the area," said Thomas L. Keon, dean of the UCF College of Business Administration.

The Advisory Board Council program was formed in 2002 by the Small Business Development Center and is sponsored by Orange County Government. The award winning program acts as a matchmaker between established Orange County businesses and area professionals who volunteer their expertise at no cost as members of an advisory board. Qualification for the Advisory Board Council program includes: business located in Orange County; have a minimum of two years operating experience; annual revenue of \$500,000 or more; and six or more employees.

For additional information call 407.420.4850 or visit www.advisoryboardcouncil.com.

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With its main office in the Disney Entrepreneur Center in Downtown Orlando, the SBDC at UCF is part of the UCF College of Business Administration and the Florida Small Business Development Center Network, providing business seminars and free one-on-one business consultation to small business owners. The SBDC at UCF serves an eight-county area that includes Brevard, Flagler, Lake, Orange, Osceola, Seminole, Sumter, and Volusia counties and maintains five satellite service centers. The SBDC at UCF is funded in part through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration.

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