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STATEMENT BY STROM THURMOND ENDORSING SMALL BUSINESS CONFERENCE
TO BE HELD IN CHARLOTTE, N.C. NATIONAL GUARD ARMORY ON OCTOBER
11, 1956 AT 9:30 A.M.

Strom Thurmond today endorsed a Conference for small businessmen from North Carolina, South Carolina and adjacent areas to be held in Charlotte on Thursday, October 11, 1956, between 9:30 AM and 5:00 PM.

This Conference is being conducted by the Small Business Administration and the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the South Carolina State Chamber of Commerce, Thurmond explained and will be held in the new North Carolina National Guard Armory at Wilmont and Terminal Roads, opposite the Municipal Airport.

Thurmond said, "Top officials of SBA, the major military and civilian agencies of the government and area prime contractors will be present to explain how small concerns can qualify as suppliers.

"Several million dollars worth of current bid invitations, specifications and drawings will be displayed for examination. In addition there will be exhibits by participating agencies and concerns of items now being furnished by small producers and distributors.

"Procurement officers and SBA representatives will be on hand to offer individual consultation on the various SBA activities such as procurement, new products, production, management, marketing and the lending program."

Thurmond added: "Since the establishment of the Small Business Administration in 1953 by the 83rd Congress, I have been deeply interested in the development of this agency. It has been of great service to the small businessman, not only in the Carolinas but of the entire nation. This conference should serve as an appropriate means of further alerting the small operators to the special opportunities available to them. I sincerely urge their attendance at this conference.