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St. Louis Small-Business Owner to Attend Bush Economic Forum in Waco

St. Louis small-business owner, Joe Balsarotti will attend President Bush's Economic Forum in Waco, Texas, on Tuesday, Aug. 13, 2002. Balsarotti is a member of the nation's largest small-business advocacy group, NFIB.

President Bush is hosting the forum at Baylor University in Waco. The president will bring together government decision makers, small investors, small-business owners, industry experts, workers, unions, corporate executives, economists and others to discuss how the current economy is performing and the steps needed to foster sustained economic growth for the future.

Balsarotti, owner of Software To Go in Clayton, will participate in this event along with other small-business owners from all over the country.

Balsarotti, who began his computer and software business in 1983, has long been active in local civic and business organizations, as well as involved in state and federal advocacy. He is chair of NFIB/Missouri's Leadership Council and was a delegate to the NFIB National Small Business Summit in 1998, 2000 and 2002.

"It's a great honor for me to be invited to represent the views of small business at a forum with President Bush," Balsarotti said. "Hopefully, Congress will act on the president's pro-small business agenda after the August recess."

The National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) is the nation's largest small-business advocacy group. A nonprofit, nonpartisan organization founded in 1943, NFIB represents the consensus views of its 600,000 members in Washington and all 50 state capitals. More information is available on-line at www.nfib.com.