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Development Credit Authority Workshop

The Azerbaijan SME Support through Financial Sector Development Project, supported by the U. S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and implemented by ACIDI/VOCA will hold a half-day workshop on USAID's "Development Credit Authority" (DCA) Guarantee Program at the International Press Center **on Wednesday, September 20, 2006 at 9:30 a.m.** The aim of the workshop is to introduce the DCA program, and discuss its possible use in Azerbaijan.

This workshop is intended for senior members of banks and non-banks. USAID is particularly interested in providing guarantees where the following objectives may be met:

- Increased lending to small and rural businesses
- Development of new methods or sources of financing
- Improved technical capacity within financial sector
- Utilization of USAID TA Project resources

For more information about the project and USAID, please visit www.smefinance.az and www.usaid.gov and contact Inara Jahangirova (598 1243).

