

Dear Editor

The future of the global economy remains uncertain and whilst there may be some thin silver linings emerging behind the clouds small businesses continue to face challenges about their future.

In order to highlight some of the issues being faced by more than 4.3m SMEs in the UK, ACCA (the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) is again participating in BT's Small Business Week from 19 to 25 October.

Small and medium businesses need sound advice from banks, government and, in particular from, their accountants who can help with the careful planning that is fundamental to business survival and success. SMEs remain the lifeblood of the UK economy and can prepare to lead the recovery through securing their cash-flow and updating their business plans.

Details of BT's Small Business Week can be found at <http://www.smallbusinessweek2009.co.uk/>.

Yours sincerely

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