Small Business Enterprise

Guide to Resources



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Office of Workforce & Business Development

Small-Business Resources

Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati
Office of Workforce and Business Development
1035 Woodrow Street
Cincinnati, OH 45204
www.msdgc.org

513-557-7114

MSD's Office of Workforce and Business Development administers MSD's Small Business Enterprise Program which is a race and gender neutral inclusion program. One of the eligibility requirements is that the business concern must meet the 'small' size standards as identified by the U.S. Small Business Administration. MSD is not a certifying agency, but it accepts certifications from its approved certifying agencies. The Office of Workforce and Business Development provides business advocacy, networking opportunities, business assistance, education and capacity building services.

City of Cincinnati Department of Economic Inclusion 805 Central Ave. Cincinnati, OH 45202 www.cincinnati-oh.gov 513-352-3144

The Department of Economic Inclusion administers the economic inclusion efforts for the City of Cincinnati. In addition to administering the City's Small Business inclusion Program, the agency also administers workforce programs such as prevailing wage, living wage and EEO requirements on construction contracts. This agency is also responsible for reporting inclusion expenditures to the Cincinnati City Council.

Department of Community & Economic Development

513-352-6146

513-631-8292

Fax: 513-631-4887

Two Centennial Plaza 805 Central Avenue, Suite 700 Cincinnati, OH 45202

WEBSITE: http://www.choosecincy.com/

The Business Development Division provides resources for/to the following: starting/expanding businesses, business owners, commercial developers and neighborhood business districts.

Hamilton County Development Company, Inc.

David Main, President, (513-458-2218)

1776 Mentor Avenue

Cincinnati, Ohio 45212-3554 **WEBSITE: www.hcdc.com**

HCDC is a full-service economic development agency having a public purpose to retain and create jobs, and improve the local economy. Three program areas provide a one-stop shop for business financing, community economic development, and assistance for entrepreneurs; A high loan volume SBA Certified Development Company; A large urban/county Economic Development Office; and an award-winning business incubation program.

Business Loans SBA 504 and Ohio 166 Andrew Young, Vice President, (513-458-2216)

Business Incubator Hamilton County Business Center Pant Longo, Director, (513-458-2211)

Allied Construction Industries

513-221-8020 or 513-221-8023(fax)

3 Koyach Drive Cincinnati, OH 45215

WEBSITE: www.aci-construction.org/cctsc.htm

Cincinnati Construction Technical Support Center Program is a program to assist minority-and women-owned businesses to develop and accelerate their business growth as well as to increase the diversity of ownership in the construction community.

The Office of Dusty Rhodes, Hamilton County Auditor

513-946-4106

Licenses Division 138 East Court Street, Room 501 Cincinnati, Ohio 45202-1226

WEBSITE: http://www.hamiltoncountyauditor.org/vendors.asp

Vendor's License for an Ohio business serves several purposes. First it gives notice to the local County Auditor and the Ohio Department of Taxation that a new business has been created. Second, it authorizes a business to make taxable sales and collect sales tax. It does not give a company or person an exemption from paying sales tax. Obtaining a vendor's license solely to avoid paying sales tax is a fraudulent act and a violation of Ohio law. In addition, a vendor's license helps the consumer understand more about the business with which they are dealing. The fee is \$25.00. The fee for a Transient License is \$25.00.

Cincinnati Public Schools

513-363-0457 Fax: 363-0415

Cincinnati, Ohio 45219-2551

2651 Burnet Avenue

WEBSITE: www.cps-k12.org/about-cps/doing-business-with-cps

The Small Business Administration (SBA) size and revenue standards are used as the criteria for registration. You may "self" certify your business concerns if you do not have business certificates by using the SBA size and revenue standards. CPS' Supplier Diversity considers "Social and Economic Disadvantage" to be certain groups including women, Black Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, Asian-Pacific Americans, Subcontinent Asian-Pacific Americans, or other minorities found to be disadvantaged by the U.S. Fax or mail copies of your business certificates to the attention of:

purchasing@cps-k12.org Purchasing Department Cincinnati Public Schools

P.O. Box 5384 Cincinnati, OH 45201-5384

513-363-0460 or 513-363-0457

Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber

3 E. 4th Street

Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

WEBSITE: www.cincinnatichamber.com

The Chamber provides numerous services, including business retention and attraction, programs and events, member benefits to improve members' bottom line, solutions to members' workforce challenges, government advocacy, and more to create and sustain a positive business climate for our community, including demonstrating a commitment to small business assistance and economic inclusion.

Greater Cincinnati Microenterprise Initiative Inc.

1740 Langdon Farm Road, Suite 378 Cincinnati, Ohio 45237-3817

WEBSITE: www.gcmi.org/

GCMI provides entrepreneurial training classes designed to help you develop your business plan, small business lending, one-on-one technical assistance, and access to other small business resources.

Greater Cincinnati Northern Kentucky African American Chamber Of Commerce And Cincinnati Minority Business Development Organization 2945 Gilbert Avenue Cincinnati. Ohio 45206-1514

WEBSITE: www.african-americanchamber.com

The chamber is the leading business advocate for the African American Community. The chamber works to create new market opportunities by providing education, access to capital and resources for economic revitalization of the African American Business Community.

Internal Revenue Service WEBSITE: www.irs.gov

550 Main Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202

The Internal Revenue Service is the nation's tax collection agency and administers the Internal Revenue Code enacted by Congress. IRS provides information regarding Starting, Operating and Closing a business, Employer I.D. Numbers, and Taxes.

OHIO – KENTUCKY – INDIANA Regional Council of Governments 720 East Pete Rose Way, Suite 420

WEBSITE: www.oki.org/

OKI's primary mission has been transportation, but it is not confined to just highways and pavement. OKI is a council of local governments, business organizations and community groups committed to developing collaborative strategies to improve the quality of life and the economic vitality of the region. Together, OKI works to solve interstate dilemmas, create far-reaching development plans, break through political bureaucracy, provide services to the public and advocate for federal funding. OKI has final authority over all federal dollars spent on transportation in the region.

513-579-3100

Fax: 579-3101

513-569-4816

513-751-9900

513-263-3333

513-621-6300

Fax: 513-621-9325

Fax: 751-9100

Fax: 513-569-4356

The Port Of Greater Cincinnati **Development Authority Economic**

3 East Fourth St., Suite 300 Cincinnati. Ohio 45202

WEBSITE: www.cincinnatiport.org/

The Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority partners with local communities to facilitate economic development within the City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, Ohio. This important work enhances the use of the land resources throughout the area, resulting in the retention and generation of jobs and the generation of additional tax revenues. Partnering with property owners, developers, end-users, and non-profits, The Port Authority has launched a variety of development projects. These projects benefit from significant private sector investment. The Port Authority has access to a unique assortment of management and financing tools aimed at attracting significant private sector investment in large-scale development projects. Brownfield redevelopment and bond financing are the Port Aurthority's two core functions. They respond to requests for public support of local private and non-profit development projects by assembling the right team, defining clear project goals, building consensus among team members, and blending project management with political leadership The Port Authority is a public-sector partner in these collaborations, it has been able to deliver vehicles for financing structures, obtain grants, serve as property owner, assist in regulatory approvals, and provide technical assistance.

Regional Economic Development Initiative (REDI)

513 562-8474

513-369-6900

513-684-2812

Fax: 513-684-6355

513-621-3000

Fax: 513-621-1080

info@REDICincinnati.com

REDI serves the three-state, 15-county region in creating jobs by attracting businesses to our region. REDI supplies resources to startups and existing businesses to assist them with growth and sustainability.

The Public Library of Cincinnati and **Hamilton County Information and Reference Department**

800 Vine Street

Cincinnati. Ohio 45202-2009

WEBSITE: www.cincinnatilibrary.org/

A wealth of government and business information is available at the Public Library and through its websites. All the information has been selected and reviewed by its librarians.

Service Corps Of Retired Executives (SCORE)

525 Vine Street, Room 1030 Cincinnati, Ohio 45202-5208

WEBSITE: www.greatercincinnatiscore.org

SCORE provides professional guidance and information to all to maximize the success of America's existing and emerging small businesses. SCORE Counselors and representatives from the local business community conduct a variety of regularly scheduled, low-cost educational seminars that provide valuable information and techniques necessary for establishing and managing a successful small business.

Smart Money Community Services

800 Bank Street

Cincinnati, Ohio 45214 email: info@citylinkcenter.org

WEBSITE: www.smart-money.org

Smart Money Community Services provides underserved individuals in Over-the-Rhine and other Cincinnati Communities with comprehensive, affordable financial services and economic education programs that empower them to become more secure and financially independent. Good financial training for individual purposes can also be utilized by small business owners.

U.S. Small Business Administration

525 Vine Street, Suite 1030 Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

WEBSITE: www.sba.gov

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is as an independent agency of the federal government to aid, counsel, assist and protect the interests of small business concerns, to preserve free competitive enterprise and to maintain and strengthen the overall economy of our nation. It recognizes that small businesses are critical to our economic fiber and strength, to building America's future, and to helping the United States compete in today's global marketplace. The SBA helps Americans start, build and grow businesses.

How can I get a Small Business Administration (SBA) loan?

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) programs are designed to encourage commercial lenders to make loans directly to business owners and entrepreneurs. The SBA does not make direct loans. Please contact your local Ohio Small Business Development Center (SBDC) for assistance. A list of local SBCDs can be found at www.entrepreneurohio.org

Procurement Technical Assistance Centers

614-644-1637

513-241-7266

513-684-2814 Fax: 513-684-3251

Fax: 513-361-4783

OhioPTAC@development.ohio.gov

WEBSITE: http://development.ohio.gov/bs/bs ptac.htm

The Procurement Technical Assistance Centers assist small businesses in competing in the public market with an interest in contracting with local, state and federal governments. Information on procurement forecasts, marketing tips and tools, such as GSA & State Term Schedules are provided. PTAC is a national program and for Ohio, the Ohio Development Services Agency hosts the program.

Ohio Secretary of State

180 East Broad St., 16th Floor Columbus, OH 43215-3726

WEBSITE: www.sos.state.oh.us

614-466-3910 or 877-767-3453 busserv@ohiosecretaryofstate.gov

The Secretary of State Businesses Services Division receives and approves articles of incorporation for Ohio corporations and grants licenses to out-of-state corporations seeking to do business in Ohio. Limited partnerships and limited liability companies also file with the Secretary of State's office. The Corporation's Section of the Business Services Division also approves amendments to filed documents, mergers; consolidations and dissolutions, and registers trademarks, trade names, service marks and fictitious names. The section approves and keeps a registry of business names, names and addresses of statutory agents, incorporators' names, corporations' charter numbers, dates of incorporation, and the number of authorized shares per corporation. Copies of corporate documents for existing businesses may be purchased by calling (614) 466-2585. Additionally, a free copy of the Guide to Organizing a Business in Ohio, Legal Handbook for Nonprofit Organizations, or the Guide to Registering Your Trademark or Service Mark in Ohio, may be requested by calling (614) 466-3910 or by email at prequest@sos.state.oh.us. To view the Guide to Registering Your Trademark or Service Mark in Ohio go to the Business tab, click Business Information and click Starting a Business on the right hand side of the web page.

Ohio Development Services Agency 77 South High St. 29th Floor Columbus, OH 43215

P.O Box 1001 Columbus, Ohio 43216-1001

800-848-1300

WEBSITE: www.odod.state.oh.us

The Ohio Development Services Agency is the ombudsman on everything business in Ohio. It consists of many agencies that provide services, programs, funding etc. for small business concerns. Information on how to start a business, available grants, small business loans, and other financing tools can be acquired through this agency.

Office of Business Development

614-466-4551 or 800-848-1300

Thinking about starting a business, peruse Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Starting a Business at the following website to determine if all your questions have already been answered: www.development.ohio.gov/bs/bs bus fag.htm

1st Stop Business Connection Small Business Development Centers of Ohio 614-466-4232 or 800-248-4040

77th South High St. 29th Floor Columbus, OH 43215

WEBSITE: <u>www.development.ohio.gov/summary_36firststop.htm</u> or <u>www.business.ohio_gov/starting</u>

The 1st Stop Business Connection offers entrepreneurs free, comprehensive, and customized business start-up kits that include licensing and permit information for more than 270 different business types. Kits are available via direct download, email and U.S. mail. The Small Business Development Center Program also consists of specialty centers that offer free counseling, and no-to-low-cost training in the areas of manufacturing and technology, and international trade, as

well as centers that specifically serve the Hispanic business community. For more information, visit **www.entrepreneurohio.org**

Ohio Department Development Services Agency (ODSA) Entrepreneurship & Small Business Division (ESB)

614-466-2711

77 South High St. 29th Floor

Columbus, OH 43215

WEBSITE: www.development.ohio.gov/bs/bs sbdc.htm

The Entrepreneurship and Small Business Division of the Ohio Department Development Services Agency provides assistance to business owners and entrepreneurs to encourage both the creation and the expansion of small businesses throughout the state. The assistance consists of the Small Business Hotline that provides answers to business-related questions on multiple topics.

Workforce and Talent Division

614-466-4155

(W & TD), Ohio Department Development Services Agency

77 South High St. 29th Floor

WEBSITE: www.development.ohio.gov/files/bs/Workforce_Overview.pdf

The Workforce and Talent Division are committed to supporting Ohio's most valuable asset, Ohio workers. The Division connects Ohio's economic development and workforce development resources at the state, regional, and local levels. The Division provides comprehensive solutions for businesses through creation and retention through site location, infrastructure development, and capital investment by industries traditionally strong in Ohio, as well as emerging advanced energy and technology industries.

Small Business Development Centers

614-466-2711 or 800 848-1300

sbdcreports@development.oh.gov

WEBSITE: www.entrepreneurohio.org

Small businesses are supported with free, confidential and in-depth personalized business counseling at local SBDCs in Ohio. More than \$10 million in cash and resources are targeted at SBDCs to serve the small business community. SBDCs are the product of a network through partnerships between the Ohio Development Services Agency and the U.S. Small Business Administration, selected Ohio Chambers of commerce, colleges, universities, and economic development agencies. There is also a Latino Small Business Development Center to specially meet the needs of the Latino community.

614-466-2160 or 800-228-1102

Ohio Treasurer of State 30 E. Broad Street-9th Floor Columbus, OH 43215

WEBSITE: www.tos.ohio.gov

Offered through the Ohio Treasurer's Office is the financing program, GrowNOW. GrowNOW a financing strategy tied to the creation or retention of jobs, allows small business owners to receive up to 3% interest rate reduction on new or existing small business loans for two years with the opportunity for renewal. GrowNOW is an initiative between eligible banks and the Ohio Treasury.

Ohio Department of Taxation

1-888-405-4039

4485 Northland Ridge Blvd. Columbus. OH 43229

WEBSITE: www.tax.ohio.gov

The primary function of the Ohio Department of Taxation is the Collection and administration of 21 state taxes, three (3) local taxes, and the oversight of real property tax. The department also distributes revenue to local governments, libraries and school districts. Its mission is to provide quality service to Ohio taxpayers by helping them comply with their tax responsibilities and by fairly applying the tax law.

Minority Business Assistance Centers Minority Business Development Division (MBED)

614-466-5700 or 800-848-1300

77 South High St., 28th Floor Columbus, OH 43215

WEBSITE: http://development.ohio.gov/bs/bs_mbac_cert.htm

The Minority Contractors Business Assistance Centers provide outreach for the minority business community. The eight (8) MCBAP offices assist minority entrepreneurs with loan and bond packaging services, management, technical, financial and contract procurement assistance.

Other Minority services or programs offered through the Ohio Development Services Agency include: Ohio Minority Business Bonding Program, Ohio Minority Business Direct Loan Program, The Collateral Enhance Program, the Ohio Capital Access Program, the Minority Business Advisory Council and the Minority Development Financing Advisory Board.

Ohio Department Of Commerce

614-466-4100

77 South High St. 20th Floor Columbus, OH 43215-6133 **WEBSITE: www.com.ohio.gov**

The Ohio Department of Commerce was created to meet certain needs, primarily the regulation of commercial activities for the citizens of Ohio. It enforces a variety of regulations that apply to: bedding and upholstered furniture boilers, cemeteries, check cashing services, construction compliance, credit service organizations, elevators, financial institutions, fireworks, insurance premium finance companies, labor laws, liquor control mortgage brokers and loan officers,

pawnbrokers, precious metals dealers, pressure piping, real estate, real estate appraisers, second mortgage businesses, securities, small loan businesses, steam engineers, unclaimed funds, underground storage tanks, video service franchising and worker safety. There are eight operating Divisions of the Department of Commerce:

- Division of Financial Institutions 614-728-8400

- Division of Industrial Compliance 614-644-2223

- Division of Video Service Authorization

- Division of Liquor Control 614-644-2360

- Division of Real Estate & Professional Licensing - Division of Unclaimed Funds 614-466-4100

614-466-4433

- Division of Securities 614-644-7381

- Division of State Fire Marshal 614-752-8200

Small Business Development Centers

American Small Business Centers

513-448-4071

513-631-8292

Fax: 631-4887

7100 Dixie Highway Fairfield, OH 45209

WEBSITE: www.AmerSBC.com

The American Small Business Centers provide coaching, training, counseling, matchmaking services, etc. to small businesses. The services assist in starting, sustaining and growing small businesses.

One-on-one and group services are provided.

Hamilton County Business Center

1776 Mentor Avenue

Cincinnati, Ohio 45212-3554 **WEBSITE**: <u>www.hcdc.com</u>

Hamilton County Business Center is an incubation center/program that helps businesses launch and build successful businesses. HCBC is a mixed-use, technology-focused incubation program that caters to those entrepreneurs who are starting up an innovative and growing business.

TechSolve513-948-2000
6705 Steger Drive
Fax: 948-2109

Cincinnati, Ohio 45237-3097 **WEBSITE**: <u>www.techsolve.org</u>

TechSolve helps clients identify and implement process changes and growth solutions that yield the best results for today's challenges and tomorrow's opportunities. TechSolve helps small to mid-sized companies implement business-building process improvement solutions that deliver measurable, top-line and bottom-line results.

Urban League Of Greater Cincinnati Economic Empowerment Center

3458 Reading Road

Cincinnati, Ohio 45229-3128

WEBSITE: www.cincinnatieec.com

The Urban League's Small Business Development Center (SBDC) offers one-stop assistance to individuals and small businesses, providing a wide variety of information and guidance. The program is a cooperative effort of the private sector, the educational community and federal, state and local governments. Located at Union Institute & University, SBDC partners include the Ohio Department Development Services Agency, the Small Business Administration, and the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. For more information about the SBDC and its services, contact (513) 487-1274.

513-487-1155

Fax: 513-559-5447

Area Members of the National Association of Surety Bond Producers

Assured Neace Lukens

4000 Smith Rd. Cincinnati, OH 45209

WEBSITE: www.neacelukens.com

513-333-0700 513-624-1792 fax 888-499-8092

513-977-3100

513-977-3129

513-745-9200

Fax: 513-587-0062

Assured Neace Lukens provides insurance solutions. They work with small businesses to identify integrated risk management, insurance and financial protection strategies that drive down businesses total cost of risk.

Arthur J. Gallagher

1 West 4th Street, Suite 1300 Cincinnati. Ohio 45202-3612

WEBSITE: www.ajg.com\locations\ohio\cincinnati

e-mail: rgigax@sksins.com

This organization provides the following: Insurance and Risk Services, Personal Insurance, Benefits and Financial Services, Surety Bond, Business Insurance and Risk Management.

The Hauser Group

8260 Northcreek Drive, Suite 200 Cincinnati, Ohio 45236-2296

WEBSITE: <u>www.hausergroup.com</u> e-mail – <u>info@thehausergroup.com</u>

The Hauser Group is a US-focused financial services firm offering private equity investments, commercial insurance brokerage services and third party corporate solutions. The Hauser Group's belief in an alignment of interests and (creating) a shared vision with clients leads to success. Management Liability and Surety Department is responsible for the review, analysis and placement of all management liability coverage, including D&O, EPLI, Fiduciary and Crime. Additionally, it oversees the placement and execution of all surety bond business.

USI Midwest 513-852-6300 312 Elm Street, 24th Floor Fax: 852- 5712

Cincinnati, OH 45202-2992 **WEBSITE**: <u>www.wwz.usi.biz</u>

USI is a diversified insurance firm focused on providing fully integrated Commercial Property & Casualty insurance, Employee Benefit Programs, Auto & Homeowners insurance, Wealth Management solutions and Professional Healthcare Liability.

Northern Kentucky Resources

Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce

300 Buttermilk Pike, suite 330

Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky 41017-3924 **WEBSITE: www.nkychamber.com**

Provide resources in support of small business growth from start-up stage to company maturity. In addition, the NKY Chamber has developed programs aiming to enhance opportunities to develop qualified new business, build referral networks, and implement innovative strategies to improve the bottom line.

NKU Small Business Development Center

Carol Cornell, Director 305 Johns Hill Road Northern Kentucky University

Highland Heights, Kentucky 41099-0506

WEBSITE: www.ksbdc.org/highland-heights

The SBDC at Northern Kentucky University provides a wide variety of professional consulting and training services to small business owners and prospective small business owners, in the Northern Kentucky and Greater Cincinnati metropolitan area. In a typical year, the SBDC staff will provide assistance to several thousand individuals through free confidential consulting as well as modestly-priced classroom seminars and workshops. The Center provides services using professional consultants. For additional information about the SBDC direct emails to sbdc@nku.edu

859-578-8800

859-448-8801

Fax: 859-448-8805

Fax: 859-578-8802

Ohio Small Business Investment Companies

Capvest Ventures, LP

513-721-8831 1 West 4th Street, Suite 2500 Fax: 513-639-3072

Cincinnati, Ohio, 45202-3609 WEBSITE: www.capvestvc.com

Capvest Venture Fund, a venture capital fund, was established to make investments in a diversified portfolio of growth and expansion companies and has received approval to be licensed as a Small Business Investment Company (SBIC). The Fund seeks to generate longterm returns in excess of those normally available to investors through conventional investments and is uniquely positioned to invest in today's market.

River Cities Capital Fund, LP

River Cities SBIC III, LP 221 East 4th Street, Suite 2400 Cincinnati. Ohio 45202-4151

WEBSITE: www.rccf.com

River Cities seeks to invest in high growth information technology and healthcare companies that have a material customer base and are nearing profitability. These expansion stage opportunities offer our investors high return opportunities with manageable risk.

Triathlon Medical Ventures Fund LP

300 East 5th Street Suite 200 Fax: 513-723-2615

Cincinnati, Ohio 45241

WEBSITE: www.tmvp.com

Triathlon Medical Ventures is a Midwest-based venture capital firm that invests exclusively in the life sciences. They provide equity capital to early and expansion stage companies with proprietary biomedical technology platforms or products addressing significant human healthcare needs.

Walnut Investment Partners, LP Walnut Private Equity Fund, LP

312 Walnut Street, Suite 1151 Cincinnati. Ohio 45202-4026

WEBSITE: www.thewalnutgroup.com

This is a diversified private equity investment company. They specialize in transactions that require creativity, flexibility, business acumen, and experience to structure a value-added result for all parties involved.

513-621-9700

513-247-6122

513-651-3300

Fax: 513-651-1084

Fax: 513-579-8939

Certifying Agencies

City Of Cincinnati 513-352-3144

Department of Economic Inclusion Small Business Enterprise Program Two Centennial Plaza

513-352-3157

513-579-3122

Fax: 579-3101

Suite 222 Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

WEBSITE: http://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/purchasing/registration/small-business-

enterprise-certification/

Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Certification

The Small Business Enterprise (SBE) Program is to promote the economic welfare of the people of the City of Cincinnati; to mitigate the effects of discrimination against SBEs; and to promote full and equal business opportunity for all persons doing business with the City of Cincinnati. This SBE program is race and gender neutral.

Small Businesses must have a fixed office in Hamilton County one year prior to application. Firms certified by other governmental agencies will be required to be certified under this program regardless of previous certification. A streamlined process is available to firms contracting no more than \$50,000 per contract. Net worth of each owner cannot exceed \$750,000. The City's Nondiscrimination and Good Faith Effort policies are enforced. Construction over \$100,000 includes a 30% subcontracting goal.

South Central Ohio Minority Supplier
Development Council (SCOMSDC)
Minority Business Enterprise Program Development
3 East Fourth Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
WEBSITE: www.scomsdc.org

Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) Certification

The South Central Ohio Minority Supplier Development Council (SCOMSDC), an affiliate of the National Minority Supplier Development Council (NMSDC) is dedicated to providing a direct link between Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs) and its corporate members. The mission of the NMSDC is to expand opportunities for minority-owned companies; to encourage mutually beneficial economic links between minority suppliers and the public and private sectors; and to help build a stronger, more equitable society by supporting and promoting minority business development.

SCOMSDC creates and fosters an environment for the development of mutually beneficial relationships and opportunities between Certified Minority Business Enterprises and Member organizations.

State of Ohio
Department of Administrative Services (DAS)
Equal Opportunity Division,

614-466-8380

30 East Broad Street, 40th Floor Columbus, Ohio 43215 WEBSITE: www.das.ohio.gov/eod/

Minority Business Enterprise (MBE); Encouraging Diversity Growth, & Equity (EDGE); Historically Underutilized Business Enterprise (HUD) Certifications

Certifies businesses for participation in the Encouraging Diversity, Growth and Equity (EDGE) and Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) programs. EDGE is a business development program for socially and disadvantaged businesses. EDGE establishes goals for state agencies in awarding contracts to certified businesses. The MBE program assists minority businesses in obtaining state contracts through a set-aside procurement program for goods and services.

Ohio Department of Transportation
Office of Contracts,
1980 West Broad Street, 1st Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43223-1102
WEBSITE: www.dot.state.oh.us/CONTRACT/dbe.htm

614-728-8498 or 614-466-7170

WEDOTTE: WWW.dot.state.on.ds/ooktreAot/dbc.ittill

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Certification

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is the organization in charge of developing and maintaining all state and federal roadways in the state of Ohio with exception of the Ohio Turnpike. ODOT has broken up the state of Ohio into 12 districts in order to facilitate regional development. Each district is responsible for managing the planning and construction of the regions state and federal highways.

The DBE Program obtains inclusion goals of disadvantaged businesses based upon race, gender, size and location. DBE concerns are socially and/or economically disadvantaged. Regulations regarding DBE inclusion are targeted on street and highway projects let through ODOT as well as water pollution control projects funded through the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)
Columbus District Office
Section 8 (a) Business Development Program
401 North Front Street, Suite 200
Columbus, Ohio 43215-2240
WEBSITE: www.sba.gov/oh/columbus

SBE 8(a) Certification

SBA maintains and strengthens the Nation's economy by aiding, counseling, assisting, and protecting the interests of small businesses and by helping businesses and families recover from disasters. The 8(a) BD (Business Development) assists firms owned and controlled by economically and socially disadvantaged individuals enter the economic mainstream. SBA is an independent agency of the federal government to aid, counsel, assist and protect the interests of small business concerns, to preserve free competitive enterprise and to maintain and strengthen the overall economy of our nation.

Women's Business Enterprise National Council
Ohio River Valley Women's Business Council
(ORV-WBE)
513-487-6537
Fax: 513-559-5447
3458 Reading Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45229-3128

WEBSITE: http://www.orvwbc.org

Women Business Enterprise (WBE) Certification

WBENC is a nationally recognized certification for Woman Business Enterprises (WBE). ORV-WBC is affiliated with the Women's Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC). Once certified, the business is listed in the WBENC national database, which is accessed by thousands of corporations throughout the United States. Many corporations require that women owned and controlled business concerns be certified before they will extend a contract to the company as a WBE.

614-469-6860, ext. 267

Fax: 614-469-2391