



Business Resources

Government Agencies

City of Chicago

The Department of Business Affairs and Licensing

The Department of Business Affairs and Licensing (DBA) was created in 2005 to foster business growth in Chicago and act as one point of contact for the business community. DBA's Business Assistance Center provides individual assistance with business licensing, starting and expanding a business, guiding businesses through the city process or connecting businesses with resources to succeed and grow.

DBA offers free business education workshops on topics related to starting a new business, expanding an existing business, financing, marketing, regulatory issues, writing a business plan, and more. The workshops are free and open to the public.

City of Chicago

Department of Business Affairs and Licensing

121 N. LaSalle St. City Hall room 805

Chicago, IL 60602

(312)74-GOBIZ

www.cityofchicago.org/businessaffairs

City of Chicago, Department of Planning and Development

The Department of Planning and Development offers both small and large businesses a comprehensive menu of financial resource such as programs offering financial incentives and assistance including Tax Increment Financing.

City of Chicago, Department of Planning and Development

121 N. La Salle – City Hall Room 501

Chicago, IL 60602

(312) 744-4190

www.cityofchicago.org/planning

City of Chicago, Office of the City Treasurer

The City's Treasurers Office provides programs such as the Linked Deposit Program, Anti-Predatory Lending Program, Financial Literacy Program and the Small Business Expo to foster and promote economic vitality of the City's neighborhoods. The Treasurer has committed up to \$75 million to the Linked Deposit Program, to assist small businesses obtain loans from banks.

City of Chicago, Office of the City Treasurer

121 N. La Salle – City Hall Room 106

Chicago, IL 60602

(312) 744-3356 Fax (312) 742-0981

www.chicagocitytreasurer.com

State of Illinois, Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO)

The State of Illinois, Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity administers programs and services designed to help Illinois businesses thrive in today's economy by offering expansion incentives, technology support services, access to capital, global marketing expertise or job training and education for workers.

James R. Thompson Center
100 West Randolph, Suite 3-400
Chicago, Illinois 60601
(312) 814-7179 Fax (312) 814-5247
www.commerce.state.il.us/dceo

State of Illinois, Office of the State Treasurer

Illinois State Treasurer Alexi Giannoulas' office supports small Businesses through a program called Employ Illinois: Business Loans. The Treasurer's Office deposits state funds into participating banks, which enables the banks to lend money to borrowers at a below-market interest rate.

Employ Illinois: Business Loans
100 West Randolph, Suite 15-600
Chicago, IL 60601
(312) 814-8953 Fax (312) 814-5930
www.state.il.us/treas

Illinois Secretary of State- Department of Business Services

Whether you decide to form a corporation, Limited Liability Company or operate a partnership, the Illinois Secretary of State will register your business. Forms are available online or in person.

Illinois Secretary of State
Department of Business Services
69 W. Washington Suite 1240
Chicago, IL 60602
(312) 793-3380
www.cyberdriveillinois.com

Illinois Department of Revenue

The Illinois Department of Revenue provides businesses with an Illinois Business Tax Number (IBT) which can be applied for online or in person. Many types of businesses may be required to register for a IBT number if the business is liable for reporting Sales and/or Use Tax, sales for resale, or withholding for Illinois employees.

Illinois Department of Revenue
100 West Randolph, 7th Floor
Chicago, IL 60601
(217) 785 - 3707
www.revenue.state.il.us

Internal Revenue Service

Businesses are required to register as a taxpayer with the Internal Revenue Service by obtaining a Federal Employer Identification Number (EIN). To apply for an EIN you must complete form SS4, which can be obtained by contacting:

Internal Revenue Service, Chicago Office
230 South Dearborn St. 24th Floor
Chicago, IL 60604
(800) 829-4933
www.irs.gov

Small Business Administration (SBA) - Chicago District Office

The United States Small Business Administration (SBA) is an independent agency of the federal government. They provide free financial assistance for new or existing businesses through guaranteed loans made by area banks and on bank lends. The SBA also provides free consulting services to businesses and assistance to socially and economically disadvantaged individuals.

500 W. Madison Street, Suite 1250
Chicago, Illinois 60661-2511
(312) 353-4528 Fax (312) 886-5688
www.sba.gov/il/index.html

Business Development Agencies

Women's Business Development Center

The Woman's Business Development Center is a nonprofit organization that works with woman to launch new businesses and strengthen existing business in the Chicago area. Services are available in Spanish and English, and include business assessments, loan packaging, public and private sector procurement assistance, classes / workshops, and individualized counseling on all aspects of business development, management and strategy.

8 South Michigan, Suite 400
Chicago, IL 60603-3306
(312) 853-3477 Fax (312) 853-0145
www.wbdc.org

Accion Chicago

Accion Chicago is an alternative lending organization dedicated to providing credit and other business services to small business owners who do not have access to traditional sources of financing.

1618 W 18th Street, Suite 200
Chicago, IL 60608
(312) 275-3000 Fax (312) 275-3010
www.accionchicago.org

Chicagoland SCORE

SCORE association is a resource partner of the United States Small Business Administration (SBA) that offers current or would be business owners the expertise of experienced business owners. They provide free individual counseling and provide workshops for a modest fee where you can learn about various aspects about opening and running a business.

500 W. Madison Street, Suite 1250
Chicago, Illinois 60661-2511
(312) 353-7724 Fax (312) 886-4879
www.scorechicago.org

World Business Chicago (WBC)

WBC is a nonprofit economic development corporation, dedicated to enhancing the Chicago region's global position as a business location. This organization can provide you with free "point of first contact" assistance for economic and industry data, site location, state and local incentives, and contacts within the private, public and nonprofit sectors.

177 N. State Street, Suite 500
Chicago, Illinois 60601
(312) 553-0500 Fax (312) 553-4355
www.worldbusinesschicago.com

Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce

The Chicagoland Chamber serves as the unified business voice of greater Chicago that represents your business interests at the city, county, regional and state levels. Your neighborhood may also have a local chamber of commerce.

Aon Center
200 E. Randolph Street, Suite 2200
Chicago, Illinois 60601
(312)494-6700 Fax (312) 861-0660
www.chicagolandchamber.org

Chicagoland Entrepreneurial Center

The Chicagoland Entrepreneurial Center (CEC) is a nonprofit affiliate of the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce and works with high-growth entrepreneurial businesses. The CEC provides entrepreneurs with sales and client development services, financing services, strategic advisory programs, support resources and community development.

Aon Center
200 E. Randolph Street, Suite 2200
Chicago, IL 60601-6436
(312)494-6777 fax (312)861-0635
www.chicagolandec.org

Community Economic Development Law Project

The Community Economic Development Law Project provides disadvantaged communities with legal expertise for tax, corporate, real estate and finance council. The Small Business Support Program works in partnership with other nonprofit business development groups to advise low income people on how to start their own business.

100 North LaSalle Street, Suite 600
Chicago, Illinois 60602
(312) 939-3638 Fax (312) 630-1127
www.clccrul.org

Jane Adams Hull House- Small Business Development Unit

The Hull House-Small Business Development Unit provides a wide range of small business training and counseling programs to new and existing businesses and provides access the resources needed to operate a successful venture.

South Side-Parkway Community House
500 E. 67th Street
Chicago, Illinois 60637
(773)955-8027 Fax (773)955-8028
www.hullhouse.org/sbdu/asp

North Side Uptown Center Hull House
4520 N. Beacon
Chicago, Illinois 60640
(773)561-3500 Fax (773)561-3507
www.hullhouse.org/sbdu/asp

Small Business Development Center Network

The Small Business Development Center Network's mission is to help new entrepreneurs realize their dream of business ownership, and assist existing businesses to remain competitive in the complex marketplace of an ever-changing global economy. Small business owners and aspiring entrepreneurs can go to their local SBDCs for free, face-to-face business consulting and at-cost training on writing business plans, accessing capital, marketing, regulatory compliance, international trade and more.

To find a Small Business Development Center near you search for locations online at:
www.asbdc-us.org

The Duman Microenterprise Center and Loan Fund- Jewish Vocational Service

This program provides start ups and pre existing small businesses in the Chicago Metropolitan area with targeted capital. The Center offers loan recipients and potential applicants entrepreneurial training, business assistance and mentoring.

216 W. Jackson Boulevard, Suite 700
Chicago, Illinois, 60606
(312)673-3430
www.jvschicago.org/duman

Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

The Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce provides resources and advocates on issues that affect the Hispanic business community. IHCC is committed to targeting and addressing the needs of Hispanic businesses and entrepreneurs in the Chicago Metropolitan area and throughout the state by working in the following three key areas: Business Assistance, Promotion and Expansion.

111 W. Washington, Suite 1660
Chicago, Illinois 60602
(312)425-9500 fax (312)425-9510
www.ihccbusiness.net

Latin American Chamber of Commerce

The Latin American Chamber of Commerce is one of the largest Minority Business Consulting Groups in Illinois. Its areas of expertise include: Business Financing, Contract Procurement, General Business Consulting, and Management Development.

3512 W. Fullerton
Chicago, IL 60647
(773)-252-5211 fax (773)252-7065
www.latinamericanchamberofcommerce.com

The Chinatown Chamber of Commerce

The Chinatown Chamber of Commerce mission is to improve and expand business opportunities and to educate others on the history, culture, and customs of the Chinese American community. Their vision is to increase revenue streams for local businesses by making Chinatown a major destination point for visitors to the Midwest, State of Illinois and City of Chicago.

2169B S. China Place
Chicago, IL 60616
(312) 326- 5320 fax (312) 326- 5668
www.chicagochinatown.org

The Polish American Chamber of Commerce

The Polish American Chamber of Commerce is primarily dedicated to supporting the business needs of its members. This is accomplished through regular business meetings and other networking activities, referrals, publications, and provision of access to various membership benefits and services.

4800 N. Milwaukee Ave, Suite 206
Chicago, IL 60630
(773) 205-1998 fax (773)205-4238
www.polishamericanbusiness.com