



SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCES AND PARTNERS

MY RHODE ISLAND OFFICE

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You can contact my office to learn about small business programs that may be available to you. My staff will gladly provide the information you need to access resources and contacts for federal and state small business initiatives.

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

(401)-528-4561

www.sba.gov/sba-direct

You can utilize the website listed above to enter the zip code of your business or prospective business, and select the criteria that most closely relates to your needs and interests. The recently re-designed SBA website will then provide useful links and information regarding SBA programs, business counseling, loans and funding, and more.

RHODE ISLAND SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER

(401)-598-2702

www.risbdc.org

The Rhode Island Small Business Development Center (RISBDC) provides a variety of resources to entrepreneurs and small business owners, including counseling and educational services. RISBDC also helps connect small business owners with government, banking, university, private sector and community-based resources and services.

RHODE ISLAND SERVICE CORPS OF RETIRED EXECUTIVES (SCORE)

(401)-528-4561

www.riscore.org

The Rhode Island chapter of SCORE operates through the support of the SBA and has a team of fifty volunteers available to provide free and confidential counseling to small business owners. The RISCORE volunteer corps is comprised of business owners, Fortune 500 executives, CPAs, MBAs, college professors, patent attorneys, web designers, insurance brokers and marketing communications consultants. In 2009 alone, RISCORE mentored more than 660 small business owners.



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CENTER FOR WOMEN AND ENTERPRISE

(401)-277-0800
www.cweonline.org

Supported in part by the SBA, the Center for Women and Enterprise is a non-profit organization that focuses on helping women start and grow their own businesses. The Center for Women and Enterprise offers education, training, technical assistance, women's business enterprise certification, and access to capital.

EVERY COMPANY COUNTS

(401)-278-9100
www.everycompanycounts.com

An initiative of the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation, Every Company Counts is a small business initiative that serves as a resource for entrepreneurs and existing companies seeking to access tools and build partnerships that facilitate their development. Every Company Counts connects small businesses with technical assistance and services, provides streamlined access to government agencies, professional associations, non-profit business service organizations, and more.

RHODE ISLAND MANUFACTURING EXTENSIONS SERVICE (RIMES)

(401)-270-8896
www.rimes.org

Supported in part by the National Institute of Standards and Technology's Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP), Rhode Island Manufacturing Extension Service helps manufacturers solve business problems, and improve processes and quality. The highly-trained team at RIMES provides expert advice and consultation in areas including quality management systems, marketing, and on-site assessments.

EXPORT ASSISTANCE CENTER OF RHODE ISLAND

(401)-528-5104
www.export.gov/rhodeisland

The Export Assistance Center of Rhode Island is an arm of the U.S. Department of Commerce dedicated to helping small and medium-sized businesses gain access to foreign markets. The Export Assistance Center helps connect Rhode Island businesses with international buyers, provides market intelligence, trade counseling, and information on accessing export financing.