

A Non-Profit Economic Development Corporation

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MONMOUTH COUNTY
BUSINESS RESOURCE GUIDE



UCEDC, a private, non-profit statewide economic development corporation, is dedicated to stimulating economic growth for small businesses throughout New Jersey by providing them with resources and solutions for business expansion. Since 1977, UCEDC has helped entrepreneurs open their doors and assisted established businesses expand into new markets through

innovative lending, comprehensive training initiatives and government procurement programs.

Financing

Access to capital is often a business owner's largest hurdle. We offer a variety of financing programs to meet your needs at every stage of your business's growth. As an SBA lender, we offer loans from \$500 to \$5.5 million through the microloan, Community Advantage 7(a) and 504 financing programs. Speak to our experienced staff to find the option that meet your needs.

Government Contracting

Federal, state and local government agencies spend billions of dollars each year buying goods and services from small businesses, just like yours. UCEDC can help you break into this lucrative market through free specialized training programs, one-on-one counseling services, and assistance in preparing bids and contract management.

Training

Whether you're looking for short presentations, day-long workshops, or intensive courses, UCEDC has the training and technical assistance you need to succeed. Our training professionals will help you master a wide variety of business and financial topics.

Business Tools

UCEDC produces a wide array of business resource reports to provide you with the insights you need to make smart decisions. Market data, commercial real estate information, demographic analyses, and comprehensive contact lists for business advocacy organizations and agencies are just a few of the vital reports you'll find, free of charge.

Sustaining and starting a business can be an extremely important and rewarding endeavor, but can also be quite challenging. This publication is not a detailed walk-through of the start-up process, but is a tool to help you get started by providing you with both general and county specific business resources.

Please consider this list as a starting point, however inclusion does not imply complete endorsement of the resource by UCEDC, nor should any value judgment be inferred from an entity's omission from this list.

FEDERAL/STATE GENERAL BUSINESS RESOURCES

<u>US Small Business Administration</u> Phone: 973-645-3680 John Blackstock Two Gateway Center, Suite 1002 Fax: 973-645-6265 District Director

Newark, NJ 07102 E-mail: john.blackstock@sba.gov

Website: www.sba.gov

The US Small Business Administration, established in 1953, provides financial, technical and management assistance to help Americans start, run, and grow their businesses. The SBA provides loan guarantees to area lenders for loans to small business. The SBA is the nation's largest financial backer of small business.

New Jersey Business Action Center Phone: 1-800-JERSEY-7 Melanie Willoughby 33 West State Street Fax: 609-292-5509 Executive Director

Trenton, NJ 08625 Email: <u>feedback@sos.state.nj.us</u>

Website: www.nj.gov/state/bac

The New Jersey Business Action Center (NJBAC) is a business-first resource staffed by experts who can help your business whether you are just getting started or are already established. Our team can help you get answers from government agencies, direct you to appropriate officials or contacts, facilitate meetings and follow-ups with regulatory agencies and so much more, all at no cost and strictly confidential.

Whether you are an entrepreneur, own a business on "Main Street", are located on a corporate campus, or interested in expanding your products and services through export, we're here for you. We are a business advocacy team within the Department of State, dedicated to solving problems and maximizing growth opportunities.

Our team includes the Office of Business Advocacy, the Office of Small Business Advocacy, the Office of Export Promotion, the Office of Planning Advocacy and the Business Helpline. Our experts know the ins and outs of operating a business in the Garden State and can put that knowledge to work for you.

Our motto says it all. "Business questions? NJBAC has answers!" Call our Business Helpline at 1-800- JERSEY-7 or visit us at https://www.state.nj.us/state/bac/bac-about.shtml today.

President

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New Jersey Business & Industry Association Phone: 609-393-7707 Michele N. Siekerka

10 West Lafayette Street Email: <u>info@njbia.org</u>

Trenton, NJ 08608-1199 Website: www.njbia.org

The New Jersey Business & Industry Association provides information, services and advocacy to its member companies in order to build a more prosperous New Jersey. NJBIA is the nation's largest statewide employer association. Its members collectively employ more than one million people. Member benefits include exclusive access to low-cost auto insurance through New Jersey Manufacturers Insurance Company (NJM).

New Jersey Economic Development Authority Phone: 609-858-6700 Timothy Sullivan

36 West State Street Email: customercare@njeda.com Chief Executive Officer

P.O. Box 990 Website: www.njeda.com

Trenton, NJ 08625-0820

The Authority's programs are tailored to the individual needs of the business community by assisting with creative financing packages, technical assistance, site selection and acquisition. In addition, the authority offers a business advocacy service providing assistance in dealing with state government.

New Jersey Pride Chamber Phone: 973-869-9567 Stephen Blazejewshi

155 Willowbrook Boulevard, Suite 350 Email: info@njpridechamber.org President

Wayne, NJ 07470 Website: www.njpridechamber.org

The New Jersey Pride Chamber of Commerce advances the business interests of LGBTQ+ and allied professionals in the tri-state area. The organization promotes the economic growth and development of members by providing LGBT+ business enterprise certification, networking opportunities, and a range of other business and professional development resources.

New Jersey State Library System – Small Phone: 973-733-7779
Business Services Email: reference@npl.org

Website: www.njstatelib.org

The New Jersey State Library System provides many services including small business services. If you have a business question ("Ask a Business Librarian"), you can have your question answered by a business research expert from the Newark Public Library, a service supported by the New Jersey State Library. Please send your detailed question to the above email. With a card from any New Jersey Library, you can also use the library's Business Research Tools to get access to market research and company databases.

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African American Chamber of Commerce of
New JerseyPhone:609-571-1620
Fax:John E. Harmon, Sr.President & CEO

379 West State Street Email: jharmon@aaccnj.com
Trenton, NJ 08608 Website: www.aaccnj.com

The African American Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey (AACCNJ) is dedicated to economically empowering and sustaining African American communities and businesses through entrepreneurship and capitalistic initiatives throughout the state of New Jersey and through its partnership with the National Black Chamber of Commerce, Inc. (NBCC).

New Jersey Chamber of Commerce Phone: 609-989-7888 Thomas Bracken 216 West State Street E-mail: theresa@njchamber.com President & CEO

Trenton, NJ 08608 Website: www.njchamber.com

For more than a century, the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce (NJCC) has been the business community's voice in Trenton. NJCC promotes the interests of its members and the state's business community via legislation and regulations that will grow the economy, create new jobs and make the state more competitive and more affordable for everyone.

Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Phone: 201-935-0035 Carlos A. Medina

of New Jersey Fax: 866-226-1828 Chair

1280 Wall Street, Suite 312 E-mail: chamber@shccnj.org
Lyndhurst, NJ 07071 Website: www.shccnj.org

As a not-for-profit organization for over 28 years, the Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey (SHCCNJ), has become the voice of the 119,000 Hispanic-owned businesses that contribute over \$20 billion to the state's economy. The chamber is the premier vehicle to access the Latino community and its formidable purchasing power, as evidenced by our growth of non-Hispanic membership reaching 45 percent.

<u>Rutgers University Center for Urban</u>
<u>Entrepreneurship & Economic Development</u>

Phone: 973-353-1288

<u>Entrepreneurship & Economic Development</u>

Email:

Lyneir Richardson

Executive Director

1 Washington Park
Newark, NJ 07102

lrichardson@business.rutgers.edu
Website: www.business.rutgers.edu

The Center for Urban Entrepreneurship & Economic Development (CUEED) is the first center of its kind in the nation to integrate scholarly works with private capital, government, and non-profit sectors to develop citywide resources and bring renewed economic growth and vitality through urban entrepreneurship. The center promotes and fosters a new generation of urban entrepreneurs who actively seek socially conscious urban renaissance.

Regional Director

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REGIONAL BUSINESS RESOURCES - MONMOUTH COUNTY

<u>U.S. Department of Commerce - Commercial</u> Phone: 609-896-2734 Janet Robertson Service, Central Jersey Email: janet.robertson@trade.gov Commercial Officer

Princeton Pike Corporate Center Wel

Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

Website: www.export.gov/newjersey

The U.S. Commerce Service, an important part of the U.S. Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration, helps businesses in New Jersey to export goods and services to overseas buyers.

New Jersey Small Business Development Phone: 732-842-8685 Dr. Jackie Mejias-Fuertes

Center at Brookdale Community College Fax: 732-224-2061

ATEC Building, Room 111 Email: <u>ifuertes@brookdalecc.edu</u>

765 Newman Springs Road Website: www.mosbdc.com

Lincroft, NJ 07738

The Small Business Development Center provides free professional, comprehensive consulting and training services to both start-up and established small business owners. The center at Brookdale Community College serves Monmouth and Ocean counties.

New Jersey Association of Women Business Phone: (Vacant)

Owners (NJAWBO) Shore Region Email: njawbo@njawbo.org Region Leadership

Website: www.njawbo.org Team Chair

NJAWBO is a statewide organization with its objective being to support and encourage business ownership by women. NJAWBO enables women business owners to network while it also provides a legislative voice for them at local, state and federal levels. NJAWBO operates a Women's Business Center (WBC) that provides a wide range of services to women entrepreneurs at all levels of business development. The Shore Region includes Middlesex, Monmouth and Ocean counties.

Website: www.monmouth.score.org

Monmouth County SCORE Phone: 732-224-2573

ATEC Building, Room 110 Brookdale Community College 765 Newman Springs Road Lincroft, NJ 07738

SCORE is a volunteer association sponsored by the US Small Business Administration. Most SCORE volunteers are retired business owners though some members still work. Volunteers work in or near their home communities to provide management counseling and training to first-time entrepreneurs and current small business owners.

<u>Capital Region Minority Chamber</u> Phone: 609-631-8802 Hebert Ames of Commerce Email: hamesdevingroupinc.net President & Chair

485 Hamilton Avenue Website:

Trenton, NJ 08609 capitalregionminoritychamber.org

The Capital Region Minority Chamber of Commerce (CRMCC) is an organizational partner providing active support to minority business enterprises in Central New Jersey.

LOCAL BUSINESS RESOURCES - MONMOUTH COUNTY

Allentown Business Community Association

PO Box 432

Allentown, NJ 08501

609-337-2878 Phone:

Website: www.allentownnj.com

Ely Sluder President

Kerry McGuigan

Administrator

The Allentown Business Community Association assists the local government, schools, and local non-profit organizations through fundraising activities. It offers the opportunity for local businesses to network to improve services offered to the local community.

Avon-by-the-Sea Business Community

301 Main Street

Avon-by-the-Sea, NJ 07717

732-502-4510 Phone: Fax:

732-774-0605

Email:

kmcguigan@avonbytheseanj.com Website: www.avonbytheseanj.com

Comprised of local businesses, Avon-by-the-Sea Business Community's goal is enhance entrepreneurial vitality.

Belmar Business Partnership

923 Main Street Belmar, NJ 07719 Phone: 732 894-9022

Website:

Sal Marchese President

Christine Hanlon

County Clerk

John Ciufo

Robert L. Connolly

Director

Chair

www.belmarbusinesspartnership.com

The mission of the Belmar Business Partnership (BBP) is to foster the economic development and revitalization of the Belmar businesses and business community through the private and public partnerships we are charged to manage.

Monmouth County Clerk's Office

33 Mechanic Street

Freehold, NJ 07728

732-431-7324 Phone:

732-761-9371 Phone:

countyclerk@co.monmouth,nj.us Email: Website: www.monmouthcountyclerk.com

The Clerk's office registers sole proprietor businesses and partnerships.

Monmouth County Division of Economic

Development

1 East Main Street Freehold, NJ 07728 Phone: Email:

732-431-7470

econdev@co.monmouth.nj.us

Website: www.visitmonmouth.com

The Economic Development Corporation works with businesses and government agencies to foster job growth, to aid in workforce development and to encourage economic development throughout the county.

Monmouth County Workforce Development

17 Christopher Way Eatontown, NJ 07724 Phone:

732-683-8850, Ext. 6011 Email: lucille.rivera@dol.nj.gov

Website:

https://www.visitmonmouth.com/page.asp

x?ID=3902

The Monmouth County Workforce Development is where people of all walks of life and income levels can get help finding a job. Training is available for those who are unemployed and career counselors can help people who already have a job find a better job.

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Downtown Freehold Phone: 732-333-0094 Jeffrey J. Friedman, Esq. 10 East Main Street, Suite 4A Fax: 732-333-0095 **Executive Director**

Freehold, NJ 07728 Email:

> happenings@downtownfreehold.com Website: www.downtownfreehold.com

Downtown Freehold works on behalf of all those who live, work or invest in the downtown area to achieve the following goals: foster the downtown's economic development, encourage the downtown's revitalization and reserve the downtown's historic past.

Fair Haven Business Association Michel Berger Phone: 732-212-0800 President

800 River Road Email: michel@forefrontcorp.com

Website: www.fairhavenbusiness.com Fair Haven, NJ 07704

The purpose of the Fair Haven Business Association is to promote Fair Haven as a great destination for visitors as well as a great home for businesses.

Hazlet Business Owners Association Phone: 732-320-5960 Sherilyn Prezelomski PO Box 5002 info@hazletbizowners.biz **Executive Director** Email:

Hazlet NJ 07730 Website: www.hazletbizowners.biz

The objective of the association is to further the principles of fair business practices, to aide in the establishment of clear communications with township government, to foster good relations with the local police, fire and first aid departments and to assist local businesses in being treated as a "Valued" asset of the community.

Highlands Business Partnership Jay Cosgrove Phone: 732-291-4713 140 Bay Avenue Email: hbp@highlandsnj.com President

Highlands, NJ 07732 Website: www.highlandsnj.com

The Highlands Business Partnership, a non-profit organization, manages and/or oversees recreational, educational and cultural activities, events and programs intended to promote the public welfare, historic cultural, economic wellbeing and vitality of community life within the Borough of Highlands.

Frank Robinson Jersey Shore Partnership, (The) Phone: 732-546-2601

c/o EPS Corporation Email: President

78 Apple Street info@jerseyshorepartnership.com

Tinton Falls, NJ 07724 Website:

www.jerseyshorepartnership.com

The Jersey Shore Partnership stands as the state's leading advocate and champion of beach replenishment and restoration to protect our coastline - a natural treasure and a major contributor to the state's tourism industry as well as a favorite destination for fun and relaxation.

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Keyport Bayfront Business Cooperative Phone: 732-344-0590 Lawrence Vecchio

70 West Front Street Email: kbbcvisitkeyport@gmail.com President

Website: www.visitkeyport.org Keyport, NJ 07735

The mission of the Keyport Business Alliance is to help inject a new interest in this quaint shore borough through advertising, publicity and events that draw families and friends to see what Keyport has to offer.

Monmouth-Ocean Development Council Phone: 732-751-8696 Benjamin L. Waldron **Executive Director**

Monmouth Shores Corporate Park Email: ben waldron@modc.com

4814 Outlook Drive, Suite 102 Website: www.modc.com

Wall, NJ 07753

The Monmouth-Ocean Development Council (MODC) is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life and business environment in Monmouth and Ocean counties. MODC's members include hundreds of influential business, community and government leaders representing diverse groups through the bi-county region.

Red Bank River Center 732-842-4244 Samantha Bowers Phone:

140 Broad Street Website: www.redbank.org/rivercenter President

Red Bank, NJ 07701

The goal of the Red Bank Center, a non-profit organization, is to make Red Bank the people's choice to live, work, play, dine and shop. To accomplish this, the center promotes local merchants, recruits new businesses, stages vibrant downtown events and beautifies Red Bank's streetscapes.

Spring Lake Business Improvement District 732-449-0037 Dawn McDonough Phone: **Executive Director** 1207 Third Avenue Email: info@visitspringlake.com

Spring Lake, NJ 07762 Website: www.visitspringlake.com

The Spring Lake Business Improvement District (SLBID), managed by the Spring Lake Business Development Corporation, is committed to encouraging the involvement of all concerned Spring Lake property and business owners in the district.

MONMOUTH COUNTY URBAN ENTERPRISE ZONES

The UEZ Program was created to foster an economic climate that revitalizes designated urban communities and stimulates their growth by encouraging businesses to develop and create private sector jobs through public and private investment.

Asbury Park UEZ Phone: 732-502-5741 Robert Goodman

One Municipal Plaza **Director of Community** Email:

Asbury Park, NJ 07712 robert.goodman@cityofasburypark.com

Website: www.cityofasburypark.com

Long Branch Urban Enterprise Zone Phone: 732-923-2040 Jacob L. Jones 228 Broadway 732-263-0218 **UEZ** Coordinator Fax:

Long Branch, NJ 07740 jjones@longbranch.org Email:

Website: www.longbranch.org

CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE - MONMOUTH COUNTY

The following Chambers of Commerce serve as a clearinghouse of information and resources for the business community within their coverage area, including networking. The goal of each chamber is to help strengthen and grow the general businesses environment in their respective community.

Asbury Park Chamber of Commerce Phone: 732-775-7676 Sylvia Cioffi 1201 Springwood Avenue, Suite #104 Fax: 732-775-7675 **Executive Director**

Asbury Park, NJ 07712 Email: info@asburyparkchamber.com

Website: www.asburyparkchamber.com

Atlantic Highlands Chamber of Commerce 732-872-8711 Cindy Fligor Phone: 68 First Avenue Email: info@atlantichighlands.org President

Atlantic Highlands, NJ 07716 Website: www.ahchamber.org

Brielle Chamber of Commerce Phone: 732-528-0377 Leslie Naughton

PO Box 162 President Email: lespitt89@yahoo.com

Brielle, NJ 08730-0162 Website: www.briellechamber.com

Eastern Monmouth Area Chamber of Phone: 732-741-0055 Christopher Ryan

Chair Commerce Email: director@emacc.org

Website: www.emacc.org 8 Reckless Place, Suite 1 Red Bank, NJ 07701

Greater Long Branch Chamber of Commerce Phone: 732-222-0400 Michael Sinanni

228 Broadway Email: info@longbranchchamber.org **Executive Director**

Long Branch, NJ 07740 Website: www.longbranchchamber.org

Greater Ocean Township Chamber 732-660-1888 Phone: Regina Longo of Commerce gotcc@gotcc.org **Executive Director** Email:

163 Monmouth Road Website: www.gotcc.org

732-449-0577 Greater Spring Lake Chamber of Commerce Phone: Ellen Manger **Executive Director**

313 Washington Avenue Email: info@springlake.org Spring Lake, NJ 07762 Website: www.springlake.org

Howell Chamber of Commerce Phone: 732-363-4114

Oakhurst, NJ 07755

PO BOX 196 Email: info@howellchamber.com Howell, NJ 07731 Website: www.howellchamber.com

Jersey Shore Chamber of Commerce Phone: 732-280-8800 **Evelyn Mars**

1856 Highway 35 Fax: 732-280-8505 **Executive Director**

Wall, NJ 07719 executivedirector@jsccnj.com Email:

Website:

www.jerseyshorechambernj.com

Frank Calabrese Manasquan Chamber of Commerce Phone: 732-223-8303

107 Main Street Website: www.manasquanchamber.org President

Manasquan, NJ 08736

Linda Martin

Executive Director

Director

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Matawan-Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce

201 Broad Street PO Box 522

Matawan, NJ 07747

Phone: 732-290-1125 Email: info@macocnj.com

www.macocnj.com Website:

Monmouth Regional Chamber of Commerce Terese Rolke Phone: 732-462-3030

Freehold, NJ 07726 Email:

info@monmouthregionalchamber.com

Website:

www.monmouthregionalchamber.com

Ocean Grove Area Chamber of Commerce Phone: 732-774-1391 Jessie Thompson 81 Main Avenue Email: info@oceangrovechamber.com **Executive Director**

Ocean Grove, NJ 07756 www.oceangrovenj.com Website:

Sea Girt Chamber of Commerce www.seagirtchamber.com Mariam Savaria & Website:

PO Box 479 Sea Girt, NJ 08750

Leslie Currran Co-Presidents



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