

[www.MeetCharlesCounty.com](http://www.MeetCharlesCounty.com)

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# BUSINESS RESOURCES



## CHARLES COUNTY GOVERNMENT

[www.charlescountymd.gov](http://www.charlescountymd.gov)

**Economic Development Department** - Helps business owners identify and tap into the resources they need to grow and expand. Serves as the liaison between the public government agencies and private sectors.

**The Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for Charles County** - Issues several types of licenses for businesses. Businesses can quickly access information on the permits and licenses they need to start, relocate, or expand a business in Charles County.

**Department of Fiscal & Administrative Services, Purchasing Division** - Manages the fiscal operations within the County Government, based upon sound, comprehensive, short term and long-term fiscal policies. Information on how the County buys, what the County buys, and helpful hints for working with the County.

**Department of Planning & Growth Management, Codes, Permits & Inspections (CPI)** - Manages land use patterns and infrastructure investments that provide for more efficient development of public and private facilities and a stronger protection of community character. Commercial development and commercial building permits with Charles County.



## CHARLES COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

[www.charlescountychamber.org](http://www.charlescountychamber.org)

A coalition of area businesses, industries, organizations, and professionals, the **Charles County Chamber of Commerce** pools their talents and resources to improve the economic, civic, and cultural climate of our community. Benefits of membership include networking opportunities and free advertising.



## SOUTHERN MARYLAND MINORITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (SMMCOC), INC.

[www.smmcoc.org](http://www.smmcoc.org)

The **Southern Maryland Minority Chamber of Commerce (SMMCOC)** plays an instrumental role in giving a voice to the business interests of minorities in Calvert, Charles, southern Prince George's, and St. Mary's counties. The SMMCOC fights for legislation that promotes small business growth, particularly policies that address the challenges of minority business owners.



## SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SBA)

[www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov)

The **SBA** provides support to entrepreneurs and small businesses. Their purpose is to aid, counsel, assist, and protect the interests of small business concerns, preserve free competitive enterprise, and maintain and strengthen the overall economy of our nation.



## SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER AT THE COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN MARYLAND

[www.marylandsbdc.org/locations/southern-region](http://www.marylandsbdc.org/locations/southern-region)

The **Maryland Small Business Development Center (SBDC), Southern Region**, provides training and counseling services to new and existing businesses. They also provide guidance in the areas of money, management, and marketing.



## SOUTHERN MARYLAND JOBSOURCE

[www.dllr.state.md.us/county/smd/](http://www.dllr.state.md.us/county/smd/)

**Southern Maryland JobSource** provides programs and resources for businesses seeking talent, and jobseekers seeking new or better employment. They help businesses to grow by providing them with state resources, recruitment, and retention strategies.





## MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

[commerce.maryland.gov](http://commerce.maryland.gov)

The **Maryland Department of Commerce** is the state's primary economic development agency. The agency creates jobs by attracting new businesses, encouraging the expansion and retention of existing companies, and providing workforce training and financial assistance to Maryland companies.





## MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

[dhcd.maryland.gov](http://dhcd.maryland.gov)

The **Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development** offers loans and business growth tools to new and expanding small businesses and nonprofit organizations whose efforts help improve and revitalize existing commercial districts and town centers. The department also manages a wide array of programs, aiding counties, cities, and towns with infrastructure and public purpose projects.





## GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF SMALL, MINORITY & WOMEN BUSINESS AFFAIRS

[gomdsmallbiz.maryland.gov](http://gomdsmallbiz.maryland.gov)

The **Governor's Office of Small, Minority & Women Business Affairs** is a coordinating office within the Executive Branch. The office connects the small business community to greater economic opportunities in both the public and private sectors.



## MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES

[dgs.maryland.gov](http://dgs.maryland.gov)

State contracting opportunities for small, minority, and woman owned businesses. The agency also conducts most state procurements through its eMaryland Marketplace Advantage (eMMA) program, which is an online procurement system where businesses can easily access State procurement information.



## MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION

[dat.maryland.gov](http://dat.maryland.gov)

Allows businesses to register a new business, trade name, and file personal business property tax returns. The department offers a Maryland Business Express tool that aids in the start-up phases of business and throughout the business lifecycle.



## INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE (IRS)

[www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)

The **IRS** provides businesses with federal tax related information including publications, forms, and instructions. The IRS also provides information on filing and paying business taxes, setting up a business structure, closing a business, and more.



## TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (TEDCO)

[www.tedcomd.com](http://www.tedcomd.com)

**Technology Development Corporation (TEDCO)** assists start up and small technology-based businesses to advance the company to a higher level of success. The program offers professional ongoing mentoring and targeted projects to help businesses succeed at no cost to the company.



## PROJECT OPPORTUNITY

[www.project-opportunity.com](http://www.project-opportunity.com)

**Project Opportunity** is a free entrepreneurship training program, which has been designed solely for veterans who want to start or grow their own business. The program is a 10 week (30 hour) instructor lead intensive course designed to prepare participants in business planning and operations.



## CHARLES COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

[www.ccplonline.org](http://www.ccplonline.org)

Serves as a principal part of the community and promotes literacy and a wide range of community information services. Offers business resources, classes, and databases available at all Charles County Public Libraries.





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