



Illinois' Small-Medium Business & Entrepreneurial Ecosystem Federal & Local Government Resources

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The [Office of Minority Economic Empowerment \(OMEE\)](#) at the [Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity \(DCEO\)](#), is committed to providing minority-, women-, persons with disabilities and veteran-owned small businesses and entrepreneurs, overall marginalized owned businesses, across the state with equitable access to opportunities and resources. Through dynamic partnerships, targeted outreach, and tailored programs and initiatives, OMEE aims to create an inclusive business ecosystem for communities that have traditionally faced systemic barriers to entry and growth. This investment spurs local economic development in underserved areas resulting in a revitalized and thriving Illinois economy. Click [here](#) to be connected to Team OMEE.

Sign-up for e-updates from the Office of Minority Economic Empowerment (OMEE) at DCEO by visiting <https://bit.ly/3Iphbpi> to receive updates for your business. Contact Women's Business Development Manager Michelle Lura White at Michelle.White@illinois.gov with any questions.

The [Office of Regional Economic Development \(Team RED\)](#) at the [Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity \(DCEO\)](#), lives and works in the communities they serve and are charged with facilitating economic development efforts in their regions, in addition to providing communities with front-line access to state programs and services. Team RED serves as an Economic Development Concierge for the State of Illinois. To help provide localized assistance, the State of Illinois is divided into 10 economic development regions. Download a copy of the Illinois Economic Development Regional [map](#) and [contacts](#).

Sign up for a e-newsletter from the Office of Regional Economic Development (RED) at DCEO by visiting <https://bit.ly/41s1erV> or contact Office of Regional Economic Development team member Kala Lambert at Kala.Lambert@illinois.gov with any questions.

Federal Government

Below is not a complete list of all the federal agencies, offices, programs and services for business owners and entrepreneurs.

- **USA.Gov- small business resources** | [link](#)
centralize website with links to federal agencies along with grant opportunities and loan programs
- **U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)-Illinois District Office** | [link](#) | [upcoming events](#)
 - Office of Women’s Business Ownership (OWBO) | [link](#)
 - Ascent (*platform for women entrepreneurs*) | [link](#)
 - LGBTQ-owned businesses | [link](#)
 - Minority-owned businesses | [link](#)
 - Office of Veterans Business Development (OVBD) | [link](#)
 - Rural businesses | [link](#)
- **U.S. Department of Commerce** | [link](#)
 - services for businesses | [link](#)
 - bureaus and offices | [link](#)
 - International Trade Administration (ITA) | [link](#)
 - Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) | [link](#)
 - U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) | [link](#)
- **U.S. Department of Agriculture** | [link](#)
 - Initiatives and Highlighted Programs | [link](#)
 - Women in Agriculture | [link](#)

Local Illinois Governments *(including local economic development corporations)*

Below is not a complete list of all the cities, counties, & local economic development corporations in Illinois who provide local resources for business owners and entrepreneurs.

- Adams County: [link](#) | [vendor/contractor opportunities](#)
- Champaign County: [link](#) | [vendor/contractor opportunities](#)
- Cook County: [link](#) | [vendor/contractor bidding opportunities](#) | [upcoming events](#)
- DeKalb County: [link](#) | [vendor/contractor bidding opportunities](#)
- DuPage County: [link](#) | [vendor/contractor bidding opportunities](#)
- Grundy County: [link](#) | [vendor/contractor bidding opportunities](#)
- Kane County: [link](#) | [vendor/contractor bidding opportunities](#)
- Jackson County: [link](#) | [vendor/contractor bidding opportunities](#)
- Jo Daviess County: [link](#) | [vendor/contractor bidding opportunities](#)
- Kankakee County: [link](#) | [vendor/contractor opportunities](#)
- Lake County: [link](#) | [vendor/contractor opportunities](#)
- Logan County: [link](#) | [vendor/contractor opportunities](#)

- McLean County: [link](#) | **vendor/contractor opportunities**
- McHenry County: [link](#) | **vendor/contractor opportunities**
- Peoria County: [link](#) | **vendor/contractor bidding opportunities**
- Rock Island County: [link](#) | **vendor/contractor bidding opportunities**
- Sangamon County: [link](#) | **vendor/contractor bidding opportunities**
- Will County: [link](#) | **vendor/contractor bidding opportunities**
- Winnebago County: [link](#) | **vendor/contractor bidding opportunities**
- City of Alton: [link](#) | **vendor/contractor opportunities**
- City of Aurora: [link](#) | **vendor/contractor opportunities**
- City of Bloomington: [link](#) | **vendor/contractor bidding opportunities**
- City of Carbondale: [link](#) | **vendor/contractor bidding opportunities**
- City of Centralia: [link](#) | **vendor/contractor bidding opportunities**
- City of Champaign: [link](#) | **vendor/contractor bidding opportunities**
- City of Chicago: [link](#) | **vendor/contractor bidding opportunities** | **upcoming events**
- City of Decatur: [link](#) | **vendor/contractor bidding opportunities**
- City of DeKalb: [link](#) | **vendor/contractor opportunities**
- City of Edwardsville: [link](#) | **vendor/contractor opportunities**
- City of Effingham: [link](#) | **vendor/contractor bidding opportunities**
- City of Galena: [link](#) | **vendor/contractor bidding opportunities**
- City of Geneva: [link](#) | **vendor/contractor bidding opportunities**
- City of Highland Park: [link](#) | **vendor/contractor bidding opportunities**
- City of Joliet: [link](#) | **vendor/contractor bidding opportunities**
- City of Kankakee: [link](#) | **vendor/contractor bidding opportunities**
- City of LaSalle: [link](#) | **vendor/contractor bidding opportunities**
- City of Lincoln: [link](#) | **vendor/contractor bidding opportunities**
- City of Macomb: [link](#) | **vendor/contractor bidding opportunities**
- City of Moline: [link](#) | **vendor/contractor bidding opportunities**
- City of Morris: [link](#) | **vendor/contractor bidding opportunities**
- City of Naperville: [link](#) | **vendor/contractor bidding opportunities**
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- City of Quincy: [link](#) | **vendor/contractor bidding opportunities**
- City of Rantoul: [link](#) | **vendor/contractor bidding opportunities**
- City of Rockford: [link](#) | **vendor/contractor bidding opportunities**
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- City of Springfield: [link](#) | **vendor/contractor bidding opportunities**
- City of Streator: [link](#) | **vendor/contractor bidding opportunities**
- City of Sycamore: [link](#) | **vendor/contractor bidding opportunities**
- City of Waukegan: [link](#) | **vendor/contractor opportunities**
- City of Wheaton: [link](#) | **vendor/contractor opportunities**
- City of Woodstock: [link](#) | **vendor/contractor opportunities**
- Village of Arlington Heights: [link](#) | **vendor/contractor opportunities**
- Village of Skokie: [link](#) | **vendor/contractor opportunities**