



Business Development Resources *Through* **The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

Please contact the Walpole Economic Development Office for additional information on any of these agencies and/or specific programs that may be of interest to you and your business.

Massachusetts Permit Regulatory Office

Established in 2006, the office works with new and existing businesses to help foster job creation efforts by assisting with permitting, licensing, and regulatory processes. The Director of the Office serves as the state permitting ombudsman to municipalities and businesses, and Chair of the Interagency Permitting Board, which administers the Chapter 43D Expedited Permitting Program.

Massachusetts Office of Business Development

MOBD is committed to assisting companies who want to locate, expand, grow, or maintain a presence in Massachusetts. Through nine offices and five industry specialists, MOBD works with companies and municipalities to help them take advantage of available economic incentive programs. MOBD also assists companies in navigating and accessing the technical, human, financial, training, educational and site-finding resources necessary to expand or locate in Massachusetts.

Massachusetts Small Business Development Center Network

MSBDC provides one-to-one free comprehensive and confidential services focusing on, business growth and strategies, financing and loan assistance as well as strategic, marketing and operational analysis. In addition, low cost educational training programs are offered across the state targeted to the needs of small business.

MassDevelopment

MassDevelopment provides the financial tools and real estate expertise needed to stimulate economic growth across the Commonwealth. The agency works with businesses and local officials to address blighted areas, help create jobs, and address overarching issues that impact economic development, such as housing affordability.

Massachusetts Office of Small Business and Entrepreneurship

The Office provides small businesses with the resources to grow and create jobs. The Office works with the Commonwealth's many service providers of technical assistance and financing, as well as directly with small businesses to provide an atmosphere of success.

State Office of Minority & Women Business Assistance

The State Office of Minority and Women Business Assistance (SOMWBA) is an agency within the Massachusetts Department of Business Development (DBD) which promotes the development of certified minority business enterprises (MBE), women owned (WBE) business enterprises, and minority non-profit (M/NPO) and women (W/NPO) non-profit organizations. It does this by facilitating their participation in Massachusetts business and economic development opportunities. Specifically, SOMWBA offers services in certification, enforcement, business assistance and advocacy.

Massachusetts Alliance for Economic Development

MAED is a private, non-profit partnership of business, industry leaders, and government dedicated to the economic growth of Massachusetts. The Alliance markets Massachusetts by providing information services to companies seeking to expand within or relocate to the Commonwealth. MAED offers a Site-Finder Service, Research & Information Service, and Ambassadors Program to companies as they evaluate Massachusetts as a place to locate and grow their business.

South Eastern Economic Development (SEED) Corporation

As a regional nonprofit economic development corporation, SEED focuses on job creation by financing all types of small businesses in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. SEED operates four different loan programs, which provides funds in the amounts ranging from a \$1,000 Micro Loan to a \$4 million SBA 504 Loan and also administers a small business technical assistance program.

Massachusetts Workforce Training Fund

The Massachusetts Workforce Training Fund is a resource available to businesses and workers to train current and newly hired employees. Enacted in 1998, the fund is supported entirely by Massachusetts employers. *Eligibility:* Businesses or labor organizations applying for a grant must pay into the fund and be current with their unemployment insurance payments. A valid, current Certificate of Good Standing provided by the MA Dept. of Revenue must be included with your application.

Metro South/West Regional Employment Board

The MSWREB builds partnerships that will: 1) enable individuals and families to reach economic self-sufficiency through education and training for 21st Century jobs; and 2) help companies develop a well-trained workforce so that they might survive and prosper. The MSWREB works with industry, education, organized labor, and community organizations to build and implement strategies to achieve its mission. Its four initiatives are: Employment & Training Resources (ETR), the Technology Initiative, the Young Adult Employment Initiative, and Healthcare Works. ETR is a One-Stop Career Center assisting employers in their recruitment efforts by helping them to access a pool of qualified candidates to match their employment needs. Businesses may post job openings or participate in job fairs with ETR. ETR provides information on Unemployment Insurance Benefits and the Workforce Training Fund.

Office of Corporate and Community Education – MassBay Community College

As a state training provider, the Corporate branch of the Office of Corporate and Community Education has the responsibility to provide low-cost, high-quality training for employees within our service area. We are here to fulfill the training needs, development, and education of the workforce in any organization in our region to help boost productivity and motivation, as well as increase employee retention.

Massachusetts Office of International Trade & Investment

The Massachusetts Office of International Trade & Investment (MOITI) works to expand the Massachusetts economy by marketing the state's business internationally, through focused export promotion, attracting foreign companies to invest in Massachusetts and handling protocol as it relates to trade and investment.

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