

Greater Lafayette Small Business Development Center

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GREATER LAFAYETTE SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Mission. The mission of the Greater Lafayette Small Business Development Center is to grow Indiana's economy by providing entrepreneurs with the education, information and tools necessary to build and grow successful businesses.

Geographic Area Served. The Greater Lafayette SBDC serves startup and growing businesses in Indiana's Benton, Carroll, Clinton, Fountain, Montgomery, Tippecanoe, Warren and White counties.

Services. The Greater Lafayette SBDC works with startup and growing small businesses to help them launch, compete and grow. The SBDC can serve as a sounding board and reality check for business ideas, including new products, services and promotions; a gateway to local and national business resources; a guide in focusing on key issues and developing a viable action plan; and a connection to networking, mentoring and training opportunities.

Services include free, by-appointment business consulting; needs assessment and help developing an action plan; training at free half-day How to Start Your Business Workshops held monthly and a low-cost, 10-week Entrepreneurship Academy; and various free resources.

Counseling service topics include startup, acquisition, capital sources, marketing and sales, government procurement, legal matters, accounting, financial analysis, cost control, cash flow, human resources, inventory, engineering, research and development, computer systems, international trade, technology transfer, networking and liquidation. The SBDC also offers programs on certifications, loans, problem solving, internal auditing and other topics.

Location. The Greater Lafayette SBDC offices are open weekdays, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., in the Burton D. Morgan Center for Entrepreneurship on the Purdue University campus:

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Indiana and national SBDC. The Greater Lafayette SBDC is one of 12 Indiana centers based in chambers of commerce, economic development organizations, universities and units of government, and part of a national network of some 1,000 centers. .

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