

Baltimore City is proud to offer a wide variety of business assistance resources to help your company grow. These agencies are here to help you take your business to the next level.



Baltimore Development Corporation—As the Business Development Agency for Baltimore City, the BDC oversees the business development, tax incentives, real estate developments, Main Streets, and Commercial Redevelopment. www.baltimoredevelopment.com



Baltimore Industrial Group (BIG)—Established in the Baltimore metropolitan region to advocate for industry and maritime operations. BIG's mission centers on supporting industry, manufacturing, transportation, and maritime initiatives and improving the public's understanding of business issues. <u>http://baltimoreindustrialgroup.org/</u>



Baltimore Open For Business—provides you with the information and guidance you need on how to open a business in Baltimore City. On this site, you will find permit and license information and applications, agency contacts and helpful resources to get you started. <u>http://business.baltimorecity.gov/</u>



<u>The Baltimore United States Export Assistance Center</u> (USEAC) has a presence in over 80 countries and provides Maryland based companies with global market research, export counseling, networking and many other area of export assistance. www.buyusa.gov/baltimore



Downtown Partnership— works with the public and private sectors to make Downtown Baltimore a great place for businesses, employees, residents and visitors <u>http://www.godowntownbaltimore.com/</u>



Emerging Technology Center—ETC's mission is to help early-stage companies grow and prosper. The ETC also promotes economic development, providing start-ups with business, technical, and networking connections that will help them to become profitable – adding to both the job and tax base of Baltimore City. <u>www.etcbaltimore.com</u>



<u>Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development</u> (DBED) Works to attract new businesses; stimulate private investment and create jobs; encourage the expansion and retention of existing companies; and provide businesses in Maryland with workforce training and financial assistance www.choosemaryland.org



<u>The Port of Baltimore</u>— Once a business has established a customer abroad, let the Port of Baltimore help connect you with logistics service providers and assistance navigating the export process through the Port of Baltimore. <u>www.mpa.maryland.gov</u>





The Mayor's Office of Employment Development (MOED) - Coordinates and directs workforce development initiatives responsive to the needs of Baltimore City employers and job seekers in order to enhance and promote the local economy. http://www.oedworks.com/

The Mayor's Office of Minority and Women-Owned Business Development (MWBD) works to improve the success rate of minority and women owned companies seeking to do business with the City of Baltimore. <u>http://www.baltimorecity.gov/OfficeoftheMayor/</u>MayoralOffices/MinorityandWomenOwnedBusinessDevelopment.aspx



<u>The Small Business Resource Center</u>— You can learn more about starting your own business, preparing a business plan, getting credit, business taxes and regulatory responsibilities, networking, and much more. The Center has a large on-line business library, literature, and self-help guides for your research on a variety of business topics. <u>www.sbrcbaltimore.com</u>



Economic Alliance of Greater Baltimore (EAGB) The Economic Alliance of Greater Baltimore is the regional business development and marketing organization that focuses on bringing jobs and capital investment to Greater Baltimore. <u>www.greaterbaltimore.org</u>

Additional Business Resources

<u>Live Baltimore</u> provides comprehensive information about city neighborhoods, real estate professionals and home buying incentive programs. <u>www.livebaltimore.com</u>

<u>Regional Manufacturing Institute (RMI)</u> brings together numerous public organizations and industry, providing learning models on lean practices, exporting, green and advanced manufacturing. <u>http://rmiofmaryland.com/</u>

BOPA Baltimore Office of Promotion & The Arts, Inc. (BOPA), is the lead arts and cultural promotional organization for Baltimore. <u>www.bop.org</u>

<u>Baltimore City Chamber of Commerce</u>—Promotes interaction among members of the Baltimore business community. <u>http://baltimorecitychamber.org/</u>

<u>Baltimore Collegetown Network</u> brings 15 area colleges and universities together with government, business and community leaders to develop and market Baltimore as a vibrant place to live and learn. <u>www.baltimorecollegetown.org/</u>

<u>U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)</u> In today's global economy, selling your goods around the world can bring large rewards. With three specialized loan guaranty programs, the SBA can help provide financing, credit to close a sale, and funds for working capital. <u>www.sba.gov</u>

<u>Greater Baltimore Committee</u> The GBC works to improve the business climate of the Greater Baltimore region by organizing its corporate and civic leadership to develop solutions to the problems that affect the region's competitiveness and viability. <u>www.gbc.org</u>