

Where innovation and creativity **THRIVE**

Thousands of entrepreneurs and small businesses succeed in Frederick County.

Here's why:

- A strategic location in a top technology corridor
- Innovative research facilities in the federal, university and private sectors
- A highly skilled and well-educated workforce
- An award winning educational system
- Business counseling and guidance – from start up through strategic planning
- Unmatched access to assistance for business growth and success

Frederick County is home to a unique, collaborative community of business support providers. There's no wrong door, no matter where you first make contact within our network. We will direct you to the resources that can best help you with your current business challenge or opportunity. We communicate and collaborate to provide the best service we can to our clients, the Frederick business community.

It all adds up to a wonderful and welcoming environment for entrepreneurs. We are here to help businesses grow and thrive in Frederick County!



**Helping business grow in Frederick County**

With your energy, talent and ambition, and our network's guidance and support, Frederick County is **the ideal place to live your dream.**

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Working together for your success  
**entrepreneur-NETWORK**



# A hands-on Entrepreneur Support Network

Frederick County offers a business-friendly environment, with a responsive and proactive network of service providers working together for your success. Our network:

- Features support for entrepreneurs and businesses in all stages of growth.
- Delivers one-on-one counseling and access to financial resources.
- Offers assistance with management techniques, strategic and financial planning.
- Provides direct access to local, state and national support.
- Presents certification and educational programs.

## NETWORK PARTNERS

### **The Frederick County Office of Economic Development**

Supporting, retaining and fostering the growth of businesses that bring career opportunities to Frederick County residents.

### **The Small Business Development Center**

Providing free counseling services and training to small and pre-start businesses in Frederick County.

### **The City of Frederick Department of Economic Development**

Increasing economic opportunities in Frederick City through revitalization and reinvestment efforts.

### **The Frederick Innovative Technology Center (FITCI)**

Incubating start-up advanced technology companies and training entrepreneurs.

### **Entrepreneur Council of Frederick County**

Fostering and promoting local entrepreneurship with networking forums, an executive roundtable series, an annual awards program and other learning events.

### **Frederick County Public Libraries Business Resource Center**

Providing essential information, resources and referrals for businesses, complete with a conference room and carefully selected electronic and print sources enabling thorough business research.

### **The Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development**

Providing existing and new companies with information on financing, workforce training, exporting, trade and small and minority business assistance.

### **Maryland Technology Development Corporation (TEDCO)**

Leading the nation in the number of start up or early-stage business investments, focusing on technology transfer from federal labs and research universities, business incubators, and entrepreneurial education programs.

### **Fort Detrick Business Development Office**

Assisting regional companies that are seeking contracts and subcontracts at Fort Detrick.

### **Colleges and Universities**

Our three local institutes of higher education are leading the region in entrepreneurial education programs and customized training for businesses. The University of Maryland system also provides research and development partnership opportunities.

### **Area Chambers of Commerce**

Providing advocacy, networking and informational support for businesses of all sizes.

Put your ideas into action today!

The Entrepreneur Support Network home page at [www.enjoyfrederick.com/ESN](http://www.enjoyfrederick.com/ESN) is the place to start.

It features profiles of network members and links to their websites. The ESN website is the best way to learn more about the wealth of resources available, so you can determine which ones are the most appropriate for you and your business. You'll also find downloadable statistics, resource guides, and other tools to help your business achieve peak performance.

Get started!