

**Your Guide
to Starting or Expanding a Business
in South Central Kansas**



**Produced By:
The Small Business Education Consortium
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The Small Business Education Consortium

Mission, Goals, and Projects

The Small Business Education Consortium is made up of federal, state, and local government agencies and of membership organizations working together to provide support services to area business owners and prospective business owners.

Mission

The mission of the Small Business Education Consortium is to facilitate the ability of participants to effectively accomplish their missions by sharing ideas and by providing opportunities for collaboration.

Goals

- combine efforts to support small business development and enhance economic growth
- foster a routine interchange of information
- provide a structure for non-profit area agencies to meet and discuss common issues
- sponsor educational seminars and programs for area small business owners

Projects

Your Guide to Starting or Expanding a Business in South Central Kansas

The Consortium publishes a guide to increase awareness of area organizations that provide services to individuals interested in starting or growing a business.

Business Resource Expos

The Consortium sponsors Business Resource Expos to provide easy “one-stop” access to organizations that will help participants start, develop or expand a business.

Calendar of Area Business Workshops and Events

Consortium members use the NetWork Kansas website to promote their workshops and events. Please visit the site at <http://networkkansas.com>.

For additional information about the Small Business Education Consortium, contact the Wichita State University Kansas Small Business Development Center at 316-978-3193.

Small Business Education Consortium

The organizations and agencies included in this guide offer services to area residents interested in starting, developing or expanding a small business. These groups want to help you! Contact them to learn more about what they can do for you.

Organizations

Center for Economic Development and Business Research at Wichita State University

Center for Entrepreneurship at Wichita State University

City of Derby

City of Wichita

Cowley County Economic Development Partnership (Cowley First)

Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

Inventors' Association of South Central Kansas

Kansas Center for Entrepreneurship (dba NetWork Kansas)

Kansas Department of Commerce

Business and Community Development Division

Workforce Services

Kansas Department of Revenue

Kansas Global Trade Services

Kansas Procurement Technical Assistance Center

Kansas Small Business Development Center (Kansas SBDC) at Wichita State University

Kansas State University Business Environmental Assistance Program (SBEAP)

Mid-America Manufacturing Technology Center (MAMTC)

MidAmerica Minority Supplier Development Council

Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)

Patent and Trademark Resource Center at the Wichita State University Libraries

Sedgwick County Economic Development/Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) #161

Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE)

South Central Kansas Economic Development District

Sumner County Economic Development

U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)

Wichita Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Wichita Independent Business Association (WIBA)

Wichita Metro Chamber of Commerce

Wichita Technology Corporation

Wichita U.S. Export Assistance Center U.S. Commercial Service – USDOC

Workforce Solutions



Center for Economic Development and Business Research

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CEDBR collects, analyzes and disseminates reliable business, economic and demographic information. The Center conducts high-quality, objective research on issues related to the community's current and future economic well-being.

Data

The CEDBR is a regional storehouse for local, state and national statistical and business data at www.KansasEconomy.org, which includes:

- Economic indicators
- Population and demographic characteristics
- Housing and construction activity
- Industry analyses

Services

The CEDBR staff is available to apply their knowledge and expertise to real business problems through such activities as:

- Forecasting
- Cost benefit analysis
- Market Research
- Custom data analysis
- Retail/Services Gap Analysis
- Population projections
- Competitive Landscape Analysis
- Economic impact studies

Forecasts

Each year, CEDBR and the W. Frank Barton School of Business, along with other sponsors, host the Kansas Economic Outlook Conference. This event provides thought-provoking and informative presentations by nationally recognized professionals on the economic climate of Kansas, the Wichita area and the United States. A highlight of the conference is the annual economic forecast for the Kansas and the Wichita area.

OnLine

Visit our website at www.cedbr.org to find the annual forecast and updates, demographics, research studies, instructional resources and economic indicators for the United States, Kansas and Wichita.

CEDBR e-connection

CEDBR publishes e-connection, a monthly email newsletter, to inform the community about data resources and reports on business, industries, and the economy. For a free subscription, go to www.newsletter.cedbr.org.



Center for Entrepreneurship

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The Center for Entrepreneurship (CFE) is part of the W. Frank Barton School of Business and is housed in Devlin Hall. The Center encourages entrepreneurial thinking and programming through quality education, research and community involvement.

We offer training programs for established business owners and for individuals considering launching new businesses or ventures.

Economic Development and Community Outreach

- Kansas Family Business Forum
- The Entrepreneurship Forum Series
- FastTrac Training Programs
- Practical Entrepreneur Training Tools
- Incubator
- Meridian 6

The Kansas Family Business Forum is a nationally recognized, highly regarded membership organization of family business owners, their families and key employees. The Forum is designed to provide unique learning experiences to those involved with family businesses.

The Entrepreneurship Forum Series focuses on the different methods available to entrepreneurs for assuming business ownership. Using a panel discussion format, world class entrepreneurs are brought together to share their expertise.

The FastTrac program is a comprehensive program that provides entrepreneurs with business insights, leadership skills and professional networking connections so they are prepared to create a new business or expand an existing enterprise.

Practical Entrepreneur Training Tools are workshops that provide specific information to help business remain viable and healthy. The workshops are designed to gear up businesses for the challenges that lie ahead and provide the resources needed to succeed in a difficult economy.

The Wichita State University Business Incubator or BizInc is a venture incubator focused on the earliest stages of entrepreneurial business development. BizInc targets pre-seed stage and start-up companies whose owners are affiliated with the University.



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City of Derby – Economic Development

Located in the southeast Wichita metropolitan area, Derby is home to more than 23,000 residents and a wide range of retail, service and manufacturing businesses. Well-known for an outstanding school system and great recreational programs, Derby offers the best of small-town values combined with the resources of a growing community.

The City of Derby's Economic Development Department works to create, diversify and enhance job growth in the community. By promoting tools that can help businesses grow and prosper, we are able to connect businesses with resources to help them find success. Local incentive programs encourage projects that create jobs and capital investment, while partnerships with other organizations help to enhance economic development efforts. Derby is a proud partner in many regional development initiatives that benefit the area and its businesses, and we work closely with the Derby School District, the Derby Chamber of Commerce and the Derby Recreation Commission.

If you're seeking a new business location, the Derby Business Park offers one- and two-acre plots at just 70 cents per square foot. Shovel-ready with no specials, the area offers great access to Highway K-15 and is ideal for manufacturing, distribution or office related uses. The Business Park is located just west of K-15 at Madison Ave. and River Street.



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Purchasing Division Web Site
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The City of Wichita

The City of Wichita provides many services for businesses in Wichita. Whether you are an existing business or looking to start a new venture, the City can be an important resource for you.

Environmental Services

Environmental Services provides services in the areas of environmental code enforcement, air quality and water quality monitoring and inspections, permitting of on-site sewage and water well installations, food establishment and child care permitting, and animal control. For more information, call 268-8351.

Express Office

City Hall Express Office is a convenient payment center that combines services into one location for the quick payment of a variety of fees ranging from traffic and parking tickets to water bills and bus passes. The office also assists with dog licensing, business licensing, and garage sale permits. The Express Office is located on the first floor of City Hall and is open from 7:45 AM – 5:15 PM Monday through Friday. For more information, call 268-4375.

Office of Central Inspection

The Office of Central Inspection (OCI) provides services related to building construction and renovation, housing maintenance, zoning and land use issues, home occupation and regulatory licensing, condemnation and removal of abandoned structures. For more information, call 268-4460.

Office of Urban Development

The Office of Urban Development coordinates city projects involving economic development, downtown redevelopment and neighborhood redevelopment. For more information, call 268-4524.

Purchasing

The office is responsible for overseeing the formal and informal bid process, negotiating blanket purchase orders, managing the overall procurement process, registering vendors, and administering the Emerging and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise program. For more information, call 268-4636.

Water Utilities

The Wichita Water Utilities supplies and distributes high quality water, and collects and treats wastewater for the City of Wichita. Services provided include pumping and purifying water, maintaining the water distribution and wastewater infrastructure systems, treating wastewater, managing facilities and planning for future needs, as well as information for business specific needs. For more information, call 265-1300.



Cowley County Economic Development Partnership

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Cowley County Economic Development Partnership (Cowley First)

Cowley First is a countywide partnership dedicated to assisting in expansion and retention of existing businesses, support local entrepreneurs, attract new businesses and industries while utilizing Cowley County's prominent business atmosphere, high quality of life, recreation and tourism opportunities and excellent education facilities. See why Cowley County is the right place for your business.

Our Program of Work:

- **Business Retention** - Programs to enhance the stability and expansion of existing business and industry
- **Entrepreneurship** - Stimulating new business start-ups, emphasizing entrepreneurship and industrial innovation
- **Workforce Recruitment and Development** – Provide and cultivate skilled workforce for business and industry
- Marketing – Market resources and quality of life showing Cowley County as the place to live and work
- **Rural Development** - Promoting all of Cowley County, including assets in rural communities
- **Business Recruitment** - Promote Cowley County as an ideal location to bring in new industry
- **Vision 20/20** - Cowley County's strategic plan and vision for the year 2020
- **Housing** – Serve as a resource to communities for development in order to encourage growth in county population
- Additional activities include:
 - Assistance with available sites and buildings
 - Assistance with local, state, and federal programs and incentives to assist new and existing businesses
 - Providing a resource and acting as a liaison for our businesses and communities to service providers and partner agencies
 - Providing support to Chambers and communities in community development issues and needs

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Internal Revenue Service Small Business/Self Employed Center

Stakeholder Liaison

The IRS Small Business and Self-Employed Stakeholder Liaison (SL) establishes relationships with organizations representing small business and self-employed taxpayers. They provide information about the policies, practices and procedures to ensure compliance with the tax laws. SL collaborates with tax professional organizations, small business groups and industry associations to provide tax education and information for their members. Services include our Small Business/Self-Employed Community Web Site, which provides tax information for new businesses. A Virtual Small Business Tax Workshop is available on-line or on a CD. Call the IRS at 1-800-829-3676 and ask for Publication 1066C to receive the free CD.

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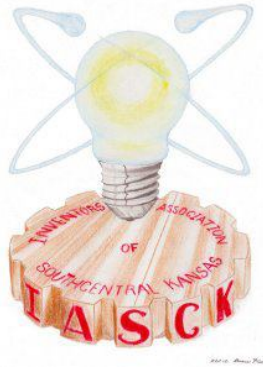
Web Site

<http://www.irs.gov/advocate>

Taxpayer Advocate Service

The Taxpayer Advocate Service is for individual and business taxpayers who have been unable to resolve federal tax problems through normal channels. The Taxpayer Advocate is independent within the IRS and reports directly to Congress through the National Taxpayer Advocate. As an advocate on behalf of the taxpayers, the Taxpayer Advocate Service educates taxpayers to help prevent any future problems or issues, and recommends changes to mitigate those problems for taxpayers in the future.

If you have an ongoing issue with the IRS that has not been resolved through normal processes, or you have suffered, or are about to suffer a significant hardship as a result of the application of the tax law, contact the Taxpayer Advocate.



Inventors' Association of South Central Kansas

IASCK is a not-for-profit organization, founded in 1997 for the purpose of fostering, promoting and encouraging the development and distribution to the public of useful inventions and discoveries.

To assist in accomplishment of these goals, IASCK holds monthly meetings on the 4th Monday of the month except May and December due to the holidays. These meetings generally include a guest speaker and time for discussions by members and guests.

Members pay annual dues, but guests may be invited to attend a meeting without charge. All guests and members are required to sign a Code of Ethics-Non-Disclosure Agreement as found on the Membership Application.

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Kansas Center for Entrepreneurship

NetWork Kansas

NetWork Kansas is devoted to the growth of entrepreneurship and small businesses throughout the state of Kansas. Our mission is to promote an entrepreneurial environment by providing a central portal that connects entrepreneurs and small business owners with the Expertise, Education and Economic Resources they need in order to succeed. In pursuit of this mission, we partner with well-respected business development organizations and educational institutions that work with entrepreneurs and small business owners who have the vision and potential to succeed. The result is a seamless system that helps accelerate economic and community development in Kansas.

Entrepreneurs and small business owners are encouraged to visit www.networkkansas.com or call (877) 521-8600 to speak with a NetWork Kansas referral coordinator to be connected with local resource partners who can assist them.

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StartUp Kansas

StartUp Kansas provides funding for startups and expansions of existing businesses in rural and distressed Kansas communities in the form of matching grants and unsecured loans. Competitive rounds are held monthly and applications are submitted by a NetWork Kansas funding partner working on behalf of the entrepreneur. These partners administer the loan and/or grant and provide a minimum of 40% in matching funds.

NetWork Kansas E-Community

E-Communities partner with NetWork Kansas to establish a fund for entrepreneurs and small business owners that is administered at the local level. Each E-Community maps local, regional and state assets available to assist entrepreneurs and businesses and establishes a long-term tracking and accountability system to measure business and economic growth. They also engage in a long-term partnership with more than 500 NetWork Kansas partners statewide that assist entrepreneurs and small businesses to provide a positive impact on the Kansas economy.

Go to www.networkkansas.com for more information on these and other offerings, such as, Economic Gardening and the Kansas Capital Multiplier Loan and Venture Funds.



Kansas Department of Commerce

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As the State's lead economic agency, the Kansas Department of Commerce strives to empower individuals, businesses and communities to realize prosperity in Kansas. The Department administers programs and services that create jobs, attract new investment, provide workforce training, encourage community development and promote the state as a wonderful place to live, work and play. These programs are managed by a dynamic staff that is dedicated to improving the quality of life of all Kansans.

Business and Community Development Assistance

Business and Community Development Assistance staff can assist clients in identifying programs and incentives for business expansion, meeting licensing requirements and assessing the strengths and weaknesses of a local community.

On the community development side, staff can help rural communities seek assistance in developing community driven strategic plans to attract businesses, workers and investment.

Regional Project Managers based throughout the state are available to ensure your business or community is prepared to achieve its goals. Managers will assist in identifying incentives and assistance available to help grow your business; can provide training, strategic planning facilitation and identification of community development assistance programs; and will serve as liaisons to other state and federal agencies.

Workforce Services

The Workforce Services Division links businesses, job candidates and educational institutions to provide Kansas businesses with skilled employees. The Division utilizes the state's higher education system in the delivery of training services supported by federally and state-funded employment and training programs. Employment services are provided to employers and job candidates electronically and through KANSASWORKS Centers, which are located throughout the state. Services include:

- Recruitment
- Screening
- Assessment of job candidates



Kansas Department of Revenue Taxpayer Education

The Kansas Department of Revenue maintains a Taxpayer Education Unit whose mission is to assist both taxpayers and professional tax practitioners in understanding and applying the Kansas tax laws. The Education Unit regularly conducts classes for the following Kansas taxes: Individual Income, Individual Estimated, Foodsales Tax Refund, Homestead Refund, Retailers' Sales, Consumers' and Retailers' Compensating Use, and Withholding.

A wealth of Kansas tax information may be obtained from the Kansas Department of Revenue's web site: www.ksrevenue.org. For example, businesses are able to register for "tax numbers" on-line at the KDOR web site, all forms and publications are available on-line, and taxpayers are able to file returns for and pay the tax due for many of the taxes administered by KDOR on-line. All inquiries relating to electronic filing or electronic payment of taxes can be addressed toll-free at 1-800-525-3901.

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Kansas Global Trade Services

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At Kansas Global, we have a variety of services that can fit your company's individual needs, ranging from global information to strategic marketing. We believe that every company should be looking globally for its next sale.

We make sure you meet compliance guidelines.

We research new markets and give you confidence that your product will sell.

We find you lower-cost suppliers to keep you ahead of the game.

Membership

Numerous membership options are available which provide membership benefits including discounted rates for many of our services. For more information, visit www.kansasglobal.org.

Education & Training

We offer education and training seminars and webinars on different import/export topics throughout the year. Price per seminar/webinar varies. Members receive discounts to all seminars. For more information on upcoming seminars/webinars and rates, visit www.kansasglobal.org.

International Trade Services

Trade Compliance	Access to New Markets	More Competitive Suppliers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Conferences: Businesses comply and learn while growing relationships • Seminars and Training: Training a qualified workforce to grow trade • Trade Compliance: Ensure regulatory challenges are not a barrier to markets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Missions and Delegations: Networks build relationships that lead to sales • Translate and Interpret: Accurate documents and effective marketing • Access New Markets: Identify buyers in new locations • Foreign Market Analysis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global scan for lower cost providers • Our network of contacts can find better products faster • Evaluate markets where savings opens opportunities

Let us become your trade advisor and help build your own trade department.

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Kansas Procurement Technical Assistance Center

Kansas Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) is funded by a cooperative agreement between the Department of Defense and Wichita State University to help Kansas businesses market their products and services to **federal, state, and local governments and to** support government agencies in reaching and working with suppliers. The lead center is located in the National Institute for Aviation Research building on the campus of Wichita State University (WSU).

Services offered by Kansas PTAC include:

Bid-Matching:

Bid-matching is an automated, web based system that notifies businesses daily (M-F) of bidding opportunities advertised on almost 2,100 federal, state, and local procurement web sites. A Kansas PTAC counselor will work with a client individually to develop a detailed search profile specific to the client which includes keywords, National Stock Numbers (NSNs), North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes, etc., used to “query” procurement web sites.

One-on-One Counseling:

Kansas PTAC works with clients individually on a variety of topics such as bid/quote/proposal preparation, pre-award and solicitation assistance, and post-award contract administration guidance.

Registration and Certification Assistance:

Kansas PTAC can assist with the various vendor registrations required by federal, state, and local governments including the System for Award Management (SAM), HUBZone, Service Disabled/Veteran Owned Small Business “Verification”, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE), etc.

Networking Opportunities:

Kansas PTAC offers workshops and procurement conferences where government buying officials, and both large and small companies come together to discuss government contracting.

WSU Kansas PTAC, which serves as a Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC), is funded in part through a cooperative agreement from the Department of Defense (DoD) through a program that is administered by the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA). The content of any written materials or verbal communications of the PTAC does not necessarily reflect the official views of or imply endorsement by DoD or DLA.”



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Kansas Small Business Development Center at Wichita State University

The Wichita State University Kansas Small Business Development Center will help you start, operate, and grow your business.

We offer free consultation services and affordable training to owners of established small business and to individuals interested in starting a new business.

Free Consulting Services

Our professional consultants will assist you with business plan development, marketing, market research, financial analysis, strategic planning, technology commercialization, export, and many other areas.

If you need **market research**, we can order reports from our state and national centers that include:

- customer profile reports
- competitor lists
- industry overview and trends
- industry trend reports
- demographics
- psychographic data
- GIS Reports: consumer expenditures, ring study, drive time, retail opportunity gap

We use SageWorks ProfitCents™ to provide you with high quality **financial analysis**. Receive a report card in these areas:

- Liquidity
- Borrowing
- Sales
- Profits & Profit Margin
- Assets
- Employees

If you are an innovator interested in **technology commercialization**, call us. With extensive training and a national network of contacts, our consultants will help you identify funding sources, apply for SBIR/STTR funding, connect you with intellectual property, manufacturing, and product development experts, and help you develop your commercialization plan.

Affordable Training

We offer over 100 workshops each year with topics targeting both start-up businesses and established businesses. View our website for a schedule of upcoming workshops.

We will also design training to meet the needs of you and your staff. Contact us for a free needs assessment and a price quote.



Business in Motion: Making Business Expansion Easier

Are you ready to grow your business? Our Business in Motion program makes business expansion easier. Expand through

- new products
- new markets
- the web
- franchise
- export
- government contracts

Learn more at <http://www.wichita.edu/businessinmotion>

Funded in part through a Cooperative Agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration.



Kansas State University Small Business Environmental Assistance

The Kansas Small Business Environmental Assistance Program (SBEAP) will help businesses identify and understand environmental compliance and pollution prevention.

SBEAP offers free consulting through a toll-free environmental hotline, site visits, workshops, and Webinars. These services are funded in part by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

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Free Technical Assistance

Trained regulatory and pollution prevention specialists can answer your questions or research options related to several different environmental compliance and pollution prevention topics including –

- Air permits
- Air emissions record keeping and compliance
- Hazardous waste identification
- Hazardous waste compliance
- Waste water permits
- Storm water permits
- Energy efficiency and conservation
- Waste minimization opportunities
- Water conservation opportunities
- Process engineering and material substitution
- Environmental interns
- Environmental awards

On-line Resources

The sbeap.org Web site is full of on-line resources including –

- Interactive training modules
- Archived Webinars
- Risk assessment tools
- Publications
- Case studies and cost-benefits
- Specialized resource links

SBEAP services are free, non-regulatory, and completely confidential. Call SBEAP with your environmental compliance questions.



Kansas Global Trade Services

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Mid-America Manufacturing Technology Center (MAMTC)

The Mid-America Manufacturing Technology Center (MAMTC) was founded in 1991 with a simple purpose: To help Kansas companies realize never ending growth in the rapidly changing global marketplace.

MAMTC's is proud to be an Innovation Engineering Management System Certified provider. The Innovation Engineering movement is based on the systemic approach of Dr. W. Edwards Deming and applying it to growth and innovation.

MAMTC's certified Black Belts provide the knowledge and expertise to help companies increase the speed and decrease the risk of new products, services and processes.

MAMTC also has a renowned expert in the Energy Efficiency world to help companies reduce their energy usage and become more efficient in the work of the company.

MAMTC is an affiliate of the [National Institute of Standards and Technology Manufacturing Extension Partnership](#) and the [Kansas Department of Commerce](#) with the mission of helping make American businesses more innovative at home and more competitive abroad.



MidAmerica Minority Supplier Development Council

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The MidAmerica Minority Supplier Development Council (MAMSDC) serves as an advocate for the minority business community in Kansas City, Wichita, Western Missouri, and Kansas. The foremost objective is to facilitate greater corporate purchasing volume with *certified Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) suppliers.

Mission

The mission of the MAMSDC is to: Increase business development opportunities between majority and minority businesses and to strengthen our community.

Certification

The MAMSDC is a regional certifying agency for the National Minority Supplier Development Council. Certification is a process for verifying statements and other evidence that the individual(s) who own and manage a firm are members of a minority group. Verification is achieved through an examination of various documents, on-site visits and interviews. The documents that are examined depend on the type of business organization the firm has adopted, i.e. sole proprietorship, partnership or corporation.

Programs

We offer a number of programs to the members of the MAMSDC which aid in the growth of a company's capacity to contract products or services to majority companies and governmental agencies. These programs include, but are not limited to:

- Spotlight Luncheons
- Business Opportunity Fair
- Minority Business Initiative
- Vendor Fairs
- Enhanced Networking Workshops
- Industry Forums

Services

As a small business center we also offer developmental services to the small business community including:

- Business Plan Construction
- Strategic Planning
- Referral Services
- General Business Consulting
- Bid/Solicitation Development

We also serve as a consultant to major companies, public sector organizations, and governmental agencies for supplier diversity procedures, programs, and initiatives.



Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)

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Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing a safe and healthy workplace for their employees. OSHA's role is to promote the safety and health of America's working men and women by setting and enforcing standards; providing training, outreach and education; establishing partnerships; and encouraging continual process improvement in workplace safety and health.

Another method of fostering workplace safety is through the consultation service. This service is provided by the Kansas Department of Labor, Industrial Safety and Health Section and is confidential and free of charge.

The state of Kansas has a contract with the federal Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) which allows state employees to provide a free consultation service. The consultation program (funded 90 percent by the federal government) provides assistance to employers by helping them recognize, evaluate, and control hazards in the workplace. The program is offered on a voluntary basis, without citations or penalties. All information is confidential.

The state of Kansas offers an incentive program, the Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP), for employers to become recognized as an exceptionally safe worksite in Kansas.



Patent and Trademark Resource Center at the Wichita State University Libraries

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Wichita State University's Ablah Library is one of 84 U.S. Patent and Trademark Research Centers (PTRCs) in the country and the only PTRC in Kansas. Since receiving this designation in 1991, the PTRC has received copies of U.S. patents and a variety of patent and trademark searching tools in both print and electronic formats, as well as extensive training in providing patent and trademark research assistance.

The Library is open to the public, and staff members assist with preliminary patent and trademark research by appointment at no charge.

Collections of U.S. government publications include complete U.S. patents -- on microfilm, optical disks and the Internet -- from 1790 to the present, and all federal trademarks that are registered or pending. Collections contain additional indexes and finding aids for both patents and trademarks. All PTRC publications and documents and their reference materials may be found in the Government Documents Stacks on Level One of Ablah Library, in compact shelving, and on the web pages for the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) at www.uspto.gov.

The PTRC offers general information on all areas of intellectual property and assistance/training with preliminary patent searches and trademark searches. Please consult a patent attorney for legal advice.

For an in-depth consultation, please schedule an appointment with Nan Myers at 978-3048 or nan.myers@wichita.edu.



Sedgwick County...
working for you

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Sedgwick County Economic Development / Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) #161

Economic Development

Economic Development promotes a strong and diverse regional economy by helping local businesses grow, increasing opportunity for international trade, and attracting new jobs to Sedgwick County. Several programs are coordinated under Economic Develop to achieve this goal.

Sedgwick County Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) #161

FTZ is a general purpose zone where foreign and domestic goods are not within U.S. Customs territory. The zone is ready to work for businesses involved in international trade whether it is manufacturing, assembly or even distribution. Air, rail and surface transportation users find the international trade services and facilities convenient, user friendly and highly cost effective in the long run

Users of the FTZ are exempt from paying duty or federal excise taxes while the goods remain in the zone until exported goods are picked up for local distribution and use. Funding is used to promote the zone also for training and travel expenses for the economic development staff.

Sedgwick County Micro-Loan Program

The program is designed to assist low to moderate income small business owners by providing loans and technical assistance, for businesses expansion and help insure success over time.

Loan funds can be used for:

- Startup equipment
- Expansion equipment
- Increase inventory
- Advertisement
- General working capital

Loan sizes:

- Up to \$15,000 for an existing or start-up business
- No limit on total project debt.
- Other funds available through companion programs for projects that qualify

Applications are available from: South Central Economic Development Dist.

Website: www.sckedd.org or call (316) 262-7035 and ask for *Christie Henry*



Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) Wichita Chapter 143

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SCORE "*Counselors to America's Small Business*" is a national non-profit organization affiliated with the U.S. Small Business Administration. Its purpose is to provide free counseling and mentoring to small businesses and to individuals thinking of starting small businesses.

Wichita's SCORE chapter has counselors with over 500 years of business experience. Counselors come from backgrounds in banking, manufacturing, logistics, operations, legal, accounting, and small business ownership just mentioning a few. After-hours counseling is also available most week days and weekends by appointment with a SCORE counselor.

Our counselors focus on development of business plans and reviewing business improvement opportunities. They offer a confidential 'new set of eyes' to review financial data. People interested in seeking small business counseling at no charge can reach SCORE by calling 316-269-6273.

The Wichita SCORE chapter also offers workshops from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM on the third Saturday of each month, excluding May and December, to help people start and grow their own small business. There is a nominal charge of \$20 for these workshops.



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The South Central Kansas Economic Development District (SCKEDD) is one of eleven planning and development regions in Kansas. SCKEDD consists of 14 counties including Butler, Chautauqua, Cowley, Elk, Greenwood, Harper, Harvey, Kingman, Marion, McPherson, Reno, Rice, Sedgwick and Sumner.

Our goal is to provide professional leadership and technical assistance in finance packaging and advice, and procedures to individuals, companies and government agencies for the purpose of stimulating the economy within this 14 county area. Our resources also extend towards programs that assist our cities and counties with community improvement, housing, and urgent need.

Loan Programs

SBA Microloan—If you own or are in the process of starting a small business and your loan request is for \$50,000 or less, you may qualify for a Microloan.

Revolving Loan Fund—If your business needs call for less than \$300,000, you may qualify for the Revolving Loan Fund (EDA).

SBA 7(a)—SCKEDD packages SBA guaranteed loans for banks and other lenders. If you are working through your bank to secure additional funding for your business, the SBA 7a loan may be the program you need.

SBA 504—The SBA 504 program provides long-term, low down-payment capital for growing businesses that enhance an area's local employment. SCKEDD can fund up to 40% of project cost with an injection of at least 10% from the borrower.

Intermediary Relending Program (IRP)—SCKEDD, through the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development (RD) offers direct loans up to \$250,000 with a 25% required match from other sources.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)—SCKEDD assists in packaging and administering CDBG funds for economic development and community improvement projects.

Rural Microenterprise Assistance Program (RMAP) —If you own or are in the process of starting a business in a rural area of our district (all locations outside the City of Wichita), and need less than \$50,000, you may qualify for a Rural Microenterprise Assistance loan.

Weatherization/Home Repair

SCKEDD provides weatherization and emergency repair to low-income residents in the SCKEDD area for owned or rented dwellings. There are also programs in some areas for moderate rehabilitation to homes.



Sumner County Economic Development Commission

The Sumner County Economic Development Commission (SCEDC) provides assistance to new and existing business in Sumner County.

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Our focus:

- Retention and expansion of existing businesses
- Recruiting businesses to locate within Sumner County and its communities
- Providing entrepreneurs/business startups with access to business plan writing, marketing, financial resource assistance
- Assistance with available sites and buildings
- Assistance with local, state, and federal programs to assist new and existing businesses
- Providing a resource and acting as a liaison for our businesses and communities to service providers and partner agencies
- Providing support to Chambers and communities in community development issues and needs



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Kansas Small Business Resource

Guide: Click [HERE](#)

U.S. Small Business Administration Wichita District Office

Realize your dreams of entrepreneurship with a wealth of resources from the U.S. Small Business Administration. Whether your enterprise is a startup, an established or an expanding business, the SBA's resources and services can help you succeed.

As *Your Small Business Resource*, the SBA can connect you with a network of services to fit your needs.

SBA Loan Guaranties

- Obtain the financing you need for startup, expansion, to export or working capital with a 7(a) loan through SBA participating lenders.
- Secure long-term, fixed-asset financing with a 504 loan provided by SBA Certified Development Companies.

Federal Contracting Assistance

- Certify your company with the 8(a) Business Development Program, which provides business development and federal contract support to eligible small, disadvantaged businesses.
- Obtain federal contract preferences in the HUBZone Program if your business is in a qualified historically underutilized business zone and meets ownership, control and employee residency requirements.
- Make one-to-one connections with procurement managers at Business Matchmaking events or online.

Business Counseling and Training

- Attend training workshops and receive one-on-one free consulting at the [Wichita State University Small Business Development Center](#).
- Consult [SCORE](#), "Counselors to America's Small Business," for mentoring and management counseling.
- [SBA's Learning Center](#) is a virtual campus complete with free online training courses and a comprehensive e-library with hundreds of publications, workshops, podcasts and tools.
- [Emerging Leaders](#) initiative is an intense seven-month entrepreneurship training program for executives of existing small businesses to help them create a strategic growth plan for their firms. The curriculum is designed to accelerate the growth of high-potential small businesses, stimulate job creation and help drive economic development.

Disaster Assistance

SBA provides low interest disaster loans to homeowners, renters, businesses of all sizes and private, nonprofit organizations impacted by a [declared disaster](#).

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Wichita Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Who We Are

The Wichita Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Inc. (WHCC) is a volunteer membership driven organization comprised of individuals, small business owners, corporate representatives, and associates representing various nonprofit organizations

When We Began

In March of 2002, Hispanic business leaders gathered and created the Wichita Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (WHCC). These Hispanic business leaders envisioned the need for an organization to represent their interest and meet the needs of the Hispanic business community. The WHCC was incorporated later that year, creating a coherent and strong organization within the Wichita Hispanic business community. WHCC was incorporated with the Kansas Secretary of State's office in April 2002 and was established in June 2002 as Wichita's first minority Chamber of Commerce.

Why Join Us

WHCC membership offers many benefits, both directly and indirectly. Members have access to networking opportunities and special events. WHCC hosts the Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner, which honors outstanding leaders, businesses and corporate partners.



Wichita Independent Business Association/ Kansas Independent Business Coalition

The Wichita Independent Business Association (WIBA) and the Kansas Independent Business Coalition (KIBC) are associations of privately owned businesses throughout the state of Kansas. Our membership ranges from the individual sole proprietor operating a home-based business to large corporations with thousands of employees – such as Via Christi and Koch Industries.

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Currently, we have more than 800 business members representing approximately 250 industries, including more than 300 self-employed and home-based businesses.

What unites our members is the focus on independent business.

ASK. LISTEN. ACT

Valuable Help – Business Networking – Political Clout

Health Insurance

- 6 Health Care Plans
- 4 Limited Benefit Plans
- 4 Supplemental Plans
- Dental Insurance
- Vision Insurance
- Long-Term Care Insurance

Business Insurance

- Property & Casualty including Workmen's' Compensation

Events

- The WIBA Women's Leadership Alliance Luncheon
- Monthly Membership Luncheon
- Business Your Way networking events
- Connectors Club

Representation

- Government Affairs Committee
- Face to Face Forums with federal, state, and local officials
- Tracking of state legislation
- Tracking and alerts on federal legislation

Continuing Education

- Monthly seminars



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Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce

The Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce is Kansas' largest business member association. The Chamber has seven strategic priorities, which contribute to the mission of improving the economic prosperity of the region. One of these is to offer opportunities and resources to small business that will enable your growth.

Building your brand and your business. Use your membership to connect to other businesses and to highlight your business in our community. There are a variety of events and opportunities to network and increase your visibility.

Enhancing “C” level executive and leadership skills. Small business owners benefit from sharing ideas and best practices with each other. You also tell us you need to develop leadership and managerial skills. Several programs are targeted at fulfilling these needs.

Developing your team. Educating your employees can make them more successful at their jobs. The Chamber offers affordable and relevant training seminars throughout the year.

Additionally, the Chamber is working to:

Strengthen the local business environment and the community. The Chamber offers opportunities for involvement in improving the overall business environment, and in advancing the quality of life in the Wichita area.

Strengthen our quality of life. The Young Professionals of Wichita (YPW), a Chamber affiliate, is one of the top programs in the nation. The goal of YPW is to make Wichita the city of choice for young professionals. The program can assist you in recruiting and retaining young professionals.

Help business invest here. The Greater Wichita Economic Development Coalition works with existing businesses to retain and expand jobs in our area.

Solidify our future workforce. We are partnering with other community stakeholders to ensure a highly skilled, literate, and productive workforce.

For more information, contact Phyllis Robertson



Wichita Technology Corporation

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WTC provides a variety of business services to inventors, entrepreneurs and early-stage technology businesses. Our services fall into two categories; business assistance/consulting services and access to capital.

Business Assistance & Consulting Services

Our team has years of combined experience in business development and will assist you with business plan development, market analysis, strategic planning, financial model development as well as a number of other services. Consulting services are fee-based and may consist of an equity position in the company, a royalty on future sales, a cash fee or any combination of the three.

Following is a list of the most common business assistance services provided by WTC:

- Business Plan Consulting
- Market Research & Market Validation
- Competitor Analysis
- Sales and Marketing Strategy Development
- Business Model Development
- Business Valuation
- General Management, Operations and Accounting Assistance
- Public Relations and Promotion
- Patent and Trademark Assistance
- Assistance in Locating and Accessing Debt and Equity Financing

Access to Capital

Wichita Technology Ventures, LLC, founded in 1994, is a seed and early-stage venture capital fund managed by WTC and funded by the Kansas Technology Enterprise Corporation (KTEC) and Wichita Area Development. WTV is looking for opportunities in early stage high-growth businesses. WTV's investment decisions are driven by return on investment criteria and in optimizing opportunities to invest in high growth technologies with entrepreneurs located primarily in Kansas. For more information, visit www.wichitatechnology.com.

Midwest Venture Alliance (MVA) is a membership organization of accredited private investors committed to investing in high-growth seed and early-stage technology companies in Kansas. Members share their knowledge and expertise during the investment selection process and with the companies that are funded and supported by the Alliance. For more information, visit www.midwestventure.com.

Accelerate the Heartland will showcase high growth companies representing diverse fields including advanced materials, software & IT, energy, and life sciences. The Highlights Include: One Million Cups, Expert Venture Capital Panel, e2e Accelerator's Demo Day, Great Plains Capital Conference, and Pipeline Entrepreneurs.



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Wichita U.S. Export Assistance Center U.S. Commercial Service - USDOC

The U.S. Commercial Service provides export counseling and advice, information on markets abroad, international partner contacts and advocacy services. We are a federal government agency helping companies export their goods and services and compete in international markets.

The Wichita U.S. Export Assistance Center is part of an international office network covering all 50 states and over 80 countries. We work with companies who are seasoned exporters as well as those exporting for the first time.

Services

- free export counseling and advice
- on-line market research library containing free country and industry specific research
- customized market research
- foreign distributor searches – Intl Partner Search and Gold Key Service
- foreign company investigations – Intl Company Profile
- trade missions and programs at major domestic and foreign trade shows
- resources for pre/post export finance and receivables insurance
- export controls and compliance help
- referrals to other service providers to support your export business

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Workforce Centers of South Central Kansas

The Region's "One-Stop" For Workforce Solutions

Workforce Centers of South Central Kansas, is a one-stop resource for employers that provides a single point of contact for all workforce development needs in the region.

Our goals are to:

Provide valuable resources, such as

- Labor Market Information
- Referral assistance to other area resources

Assist with workforce recruitment by providing services, such as

- Job posting
- Regional employee outreach
- Hosting area job fairs
- Community orientations

Support with hiring efforts by

- Providing skill assessments and testing that are
 - standard to an industry
 - tailored to an employer
- Providing offsite interviewing facilities that includes
 - private office space
 - comfortable conference rooms

Provide support to help meet training needs, including

- Providing training needs assessment
- Facilitating the delivery of standard programs
- Facilitating the development of customized programs
- Selection and coordination of providers
- Classroom education
- Student recruitment / Career development

Provide assistance at accessing funds established by

- State Programs, such as the
 - Kansas Industrial Training (KIT) Program*
 - Kansas Industrial Retraining (KIR) Program*
- Federal Workforce Investment Act Programs, such as the
 - Incumbent Worker Training (IWT) Program*

Organization Referrals

If you are not sure which organization can best assist you, contact these groups for a targeted referral.

Network Kansas

A NetWork Kansas Resource Coordinator will listen to you and learn about your exact needs. They will research their resource partner network and connect you to the resources you need today. Call toll free at 877-521-8600 or use the “Resource Navigator” at <http://networkkansas.com>

Kansas Small Business Development Center at Wichita State University

The WSU Kansas SBDC staff members stay in regular contact with area resources. They will be glad to refer you to the organizations that can best meet your current needs. Call 316-978-3193 for assistance.