



FRANKLIN COUNTY BUSINESS RESOURCE LINKS

American Electric Power (AEP) (www.aep.com)

AEP provides information on available sites and buildings through an award-winning Procure system, along with community profiles.

Columbus Chamber of Commerce (www.columbus.org/)

The Columbus Chamber of Commerce is a business advocacy organization which works to foster a healthy environment for the growth of business in the Columbus area.

Columbia Gas (www.columbiagasohio.com/business/)

Ohio's largest natural gas utility. Provides information on available sites and buildings in addition to community profiles.

Community Capital Development Corporation (CCDC) (www.ccdcorp.org/)

corporation which makes loans to healthy, growing small businesses throughout the State of Ohio to assist with invest in land, building, and equipment.

Economic and Community Development Institute (ECDI) (www.ecdi.org)

ECDI is a non-profit organization dedicated to social and economic change. This organization offers many services to existing and start-up businesses, including loans, grants and technical assistance programs.

Increase CDC (New Start Up/ Business Plans) (www.increasecdc.org)

Increase Community Development Center is a faith-based non-profit business development company that provides technical and financial assistance to new and existing businesses.

SCORE "Counselors to America's Small Business" a volunteer organization of retired executives dedicated to the formation, growth and success of small businesses. Provides free, confidential small business advice for entrepreneurs. (www.scorecolumbus.org)

Southwest Central Ohio Procurement Technical Assistance Center (SWCO PTAC)

(<http://www.swcoptac.org/>)

A full-service, non-profit resource center offering procurement technical assistance and training workshops to meet the needs of Ohio's small, minority, and women business owner.

1st Stop Business Connection (<http://www.odod.state.oh.us/onestop/index.cfm>)

Ohio's 1st Stop Business Connection guides you through a six-step process to create your free business information kit which includes all state-level regulations for all businesses, as well as those specifically for your new business.

Ohio Chamber of Commerce (<http://www.ohiochamber.com/>)

A leading advocate for business issues throughout the state, the Ohio Chamber works with Ohio lawmakers to share a business perspective on policy issues and help preserve an economic environment in which business can thrive.

Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) (www.ohio.gov/dod)

Promotes economic opportunities to improve the profits and prosperity of Ohio's citizens. The ODOD provides financial, informational, and technical assistance to those making an investment in Ohio. Oversees a host of programs.

Ohio Department of Development Division of Minority Affairs (www.odod.state.oh.us/DMBA/)

Assists in the creation of a business environment in Ohio sensitive to the particular needs of minority business enterprises and assists in their growth and development.

Ohio Development Association (www.odanet.com)

An association of economic development professionals who advocate on behalf of economic development issues throughout the state of Ohio.