

Area Resources for Entrepreneurs and Business Owners **Starting or Expanding a Business in East Central Illinois**

[Your Local Chamber](#)

Business Solutions Center at Eastern Illinois University

Ph. 217-581-2913 www.eiu.edu/bsc

- [Where to Begin](#)
- [Video of Services](#)
- [Free Confidential Counseling](#)
- [How to Start a Business Class](#)
- [County specific Start-up Data](#)

SCORE

Ph. 217-549-3522 www.score.org

- [Templates for business plans and financial reports](#)
- Articles and Webinars
- [Local Training](#)
- Free and Confidential Counseling

East Central IL Development Corp. (ECIDC)

Ph. 217-540-3517 www.ecidc.com

- On-line Resource Library with helpful links to local, state, and federal resources
- Demographic Data by County and Region
- Market Analysis Services

Center for Business and Industry of Lake Land College

Ph 217-235-1282 www.lakeland.cc.il.us/cbi

- Leadership and Organizational Development
- Workforce Development
- Quality and Process Improvement

Illinois Small Business Development Center @ Illinois Eastern Community Colleges

Ph. 618-395-3011 www.iecc.edu/sbdc2

- One on One Business Counseling
- Business Planning & Market Research Assistance
- Financial Analysis
- Training and Education
- [Business Resources](#)
- [Exclusive Area Profit Mastery Facilitator](#)

Illinois Entrepreneurship Network - DCEO

- [Starting a Business in Illinois](#)
- [International Trade Assistance Partners](#)
- [Government Contracting Partners](#)

Small Business Administration www.sba.gov

- [Business Loan Structuring/Packaging Assistance](#)

Illinois workNet Centers

Mattoon-Effingham-Olney-Centralia

www.illinoisworknet.com

- Tools for Employee Recruitment
- Direction with Employee Training & Skills Upgrades
- Access to Essential Labor Market Information

[Your Local Regional Planning Commission](#)

Your Local Economic Development Representative

[Your Local University of Illinois Extension Office](#)