

Brevard County Entrepreneurship Resources

Helping Businesses Grow & Succeed

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Florida Small Business Development Center at Eastern Florida State College – Brevard Small Business Assistance Council -

<http://www.easternflorida.edu/academics/workforcetrainingandcertifications/sbdc/>.

The Florida SBDC is Florida's provider of small business assistance. As a federally funded organization, the Florida SBDC offers numerous resources, services, workshops and seminars to small business owners and entrepreneurs in order to help them succeed and grow. The Florida SBDC at Eastern Florida State College has been actively serving Brevard County since 1990 as a sub center of the Florida SBDC at the University of Central Florida.

Florida SBDC sponsors seminars and workshops at no cost and fee-based courses and conferences that address a variety of topics, such as business start-up, basic management techniques, business planning, record keeping, specific industry issues, government contracting, international trade, marketing, social media and many others depending on clients' requests and needs.

Florida SBDC also offers consulting at no cost at EFSC locations, and your place of business. Our consultants provide initial interviews in which clients' needs, problems and opportunities are diagnosed and a plan developed to fill those needs. The FSBDC has access to resource and reference materials where small businesses can find useful information on issues such as demographics, taxes, financing, marketing and more.

SCORE Space Coast – SCORE (formerly the Service Corps of Retired Executives)

- <https://spacecoast.score.org/>

SCORE has been serving the needs of America's small businesses for almost 50 years. **SCORE** is a nonprofit association dedicated to helping small businesses get off the ground, grow and achieve their goals through education and mentorship.

Because our work is supported by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), and thanks to our network of over 13,000 volunteers, we are able to deliver our services at no charge or at very low cost. Our 340+ chapters hold events and workshops locally across the U.S. and its territories, and match up entrepreneurs with local, volunteer mentors.

SCORE Mission: **SCORE** provides professional guidance and information, accessible to all, to maximize the success of America's existing and emerging small businesses.

This mission is achieved by identifying, meeting and exceeding client needs and expectations.

Space Coast SCORE has served the Space Coast business community in Brevard County since 1977. The chapter provides various forms of assistance to over 500 clients each year. **Counseling** is provided at five **locations** each week throughout Brevard County.

SBA – U.S. Small Business Administration - <https://www.sba.gov/>

SBA provides free individual face-to-face, and internet counseling for small businesses, and low-cost training to nascent entrepreneurs and established small businesses in over 1,800 locations throughout the United States and US territories.

weVenture at Florida Institute of Technology - <http://weventure.org/>

weVENTURE at Florida Institute of Technology, is a non-profit organization that ventures to accelerate sustainable business growth for entrepreneurs. weVENTURE's Women's Business Center Program is funded in part through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration. weVENTURE offers targeted, highly-effective training to start-ups, emerging businesses and second-stage growth-oriented companies, that is designed to deliver increased revenue generation, targeted market penetration, expanded business relationships, access to critical resources and increased financial expertise. We provide consultations with business experts, workshops to enhance your business skills, mentoring programs for growth-oriented businesses and purposeful networking opportunities that assist womenpreneurs in accelerating sustainable business growth and leveraging digital technology.

Brevard County Chamber of Commerce - <https://www.countyoffice.org/fl-brevard-county-chamber-of-commerce/>

Find Brevard County Florida chamber of commerce, and local city business chambers. Chambers of commerce provide information on local business listings and directories, business practices, networking meetings, events, and marketing.

Department of Economic Opportunity - <http://www.floridajobs.org/business-growth-and-partnerships/for-businesses-and-entrepreneurs/business-resource>

Florida is committed to increasing its global competitiveness as a destination for business, capital, talent, innovation, and entrepreneurship. The Department of Economic Opportunity utilizes public and private sector expertise to attract, retain and

grow businesses and create jobs in Florida. The links on DEO's page will connect you with those partners and opportunities that will assist you in locating, retaining and growing your business in Florida or for easy access see the index of programs and services.

Brevard Small Business Assistance Council - <https://flvec.com/brevard-small-business-assistance-council>

BSBAC is a not-for-profit council made up of prime and government contractors in Brevard County. Representatives from procurement offices and small business liaison offices of our leading employers are represented on this council.

Veteran Entrepreneur Portal - <https://www.va.gov/osdbu/entrepreneur/index.asp>

The Veteran Entrepreneur Portal (VEP) is designed to save you time with direct access to the resources necessary to guide every step of entrepreneurship. VEP makes it easier for small businesses to access federal services, regardless of its source—and quickly connects Veteran entrepreneurs to relevant 'best-practices' and information.

America's Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Florida – Florida's Veteran-Owned Businesses - <http://floridasbdc.org/new-business/>

As the only statewide provider of entrepreneurial and business development services, the Florida SBDC Network plays a vital role in Florida's economic development by assisting entrepreneurs in every stage of the business life cycle.

Since 1976, FSBDCs have assisted hundreds of thousands of emerging and growing businesses by providing the professional expertise, tools, and information necessary to make sound business decisions in a complex and ever-changing marketplace.

In addition to the FSBDC's core service offerings of consulting provided at no-cost, training, and business research, the Florida SBDC Network also provides a comprehensive toolkit of specialized services for qualifying businesses looking to accelerate market growth, including: Growth Acceleration, International Trade, Government Contracting, and Business Continuation.

Colaunch Partnership - <https://www.colaunch.biz/about>

COLaunch Titusville is a program of the North Brevard Economic Development Zone, who has granted the Greater Titusville Renaissance, Inc. the opportunity to manage and maintain COLaunch. Through GTR's Business Development Programs, COLaunch will bring to Titusville, an innovative approach in entrepreneurship, and independent work options.

What is a Cowork Space? Coworking is a style of work that involves a shared working environment, often an office, and independent activity. Unlike in a typical office environment, those coworking are usually not employed by the same organization. Typically it is attractive to work-at-home professionals, independent contractors, or people who travel frequently who end up working in relative isolation.

Workshops, Mentors & Launch Parties - At COlaunch we have resources to help you startup, and grow your business. We encourage mentors and SMEs to be available to assist you. We offer workshops, programs and events to provide you with the knowledge and shared experiences from backers and supporters. Launch parties (both rockets and businesses) happen at COlaunch in Titusville.
