

Small-Business Resources

Citrus County Chamber of Commerce/SCORE Small-Business Development Center

The Chamber / SCORE Small Business Development Center was created to foster economic and business development within Citrus County by providing high quality advice, assistance, counseling and training at low or no cost for entrepreneurs, professionals, independent small business owners or would-be small business owners in order to help promote growth, expansion, innovation, increased productivity and managerial excellence in the free market economy.

The center was developed in conjunction with the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) to provide free, confidential consulting and counseling on an individual basis by experienced and trained small-business specialists, who are former executives and business owners. These specialists can provide information, direct business owners to resources and act as reviewers of plans and proposals by offering realistic and constructive criticism.

The Small Business Development Center professionals can also offer appropriate access to an array of small business services and contracts.

In addition to individual business assistance, center professionals conduct and participate in workshops, seminars and classes in conjunction with Central Florida Community College on a variety of business and management topics of interest to small-business owners.

The Center also maintains general business information resource materials or can make referrals to information resources in government, the education system or private industry.

Citrus County Chamber of Commerce & SCORE offer Advice, Counseling, Assistance and Training for Entrepreneurs, Business Professionals and Small Business Owners such as:

- Organize and starting a business
- Researching markets and industries
- Developing business strategies and plans
- Seeking resources and capital
- Budgeting, accounting and recordkeeping
- Manufacturing and engineering
- Researching and developing products
- Understanding people, tax, legal issues
- Acquiring equipment and technology
- Advertising, promoting, selling and publicity
- Implementing cost and inventory controls
- Buying from and selling to government
- Analyzing finances and insurance
- Harnessing computers and technology
- Acquiring equipment and technology
- Entering or expanding international trade
- Buying, franchising or selling a business
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The Small-Business Development Center is not a lender, investor or grantor, but we can advise owners about financing, and the development of proposals for financing.

Small-Business Programs

Just because you're a small business doesn't mean you can't be a big success, and the chamber is there for you along the way to your prosperous destination.

Small-Business Counseling

Free, small-business counseling is available at the Small Business Development Center. Get practical advice about how to solve small-business problems, increase business, hire the right person or get your business or marketing plan analyzed. Bounce your ideas and strategies off a professional.

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