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UCEDC, a private, non-profit statewide economic development corporation, is dedicated to stimulating economic growth for small businesses throughout New Jersey by providing them with resources and solutions for business expansion. Since 1977, UCEDC has helped entrepreneurs open their doors and assisted established businesses expand into new markets through innovative lending, comprehensive training initiatives and government procurement programs.

Financing

Access to capital is often a business owner's largest hurdle. We offer a variety of financing programs to meet your needs at every stage of your business's growth. As an SBA lender, we offer loans from $500 to
$5.5 million through the microloan, Community Advantage 7(a) and 504 financing programs. Speak to our experienced staff to find the option that meet your needs.

Government Contracting

Federal, state and local government agencies spend billions of dollars each year buying goods and services from small businesses, just like yours. UCEDC can help you break into this lucrative market through free specialized training programs, one-on-one counseling services, and assistance in preparing bids and contract management.

Training

Whether you're looking for short presentations, day-long workshops, or intensive courses, UCEDC has the training and technical assistance you need to succeed. Our training professionals will help you master a wide variety of business and financial topics.

Business Tools

UCEDC produces a wide array of business resource reports to provide you with the insights you need to make smart decisions. Market data, commercial real estate information, demographic analyses, and comprehensive contact lists for business advocacy organizations and agencies are just a few of the vital reports you'll find, free of charge.

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Sustaining and starting a business can be an extremely important and rewarding endeavor but can also be quite challenging. This publication is not a detailed walk-through of the start-up process, but is a tool to help you get started by providing you with both general and county-specific business resources.

Please consider this list as a starting point, however inclusion does not imply complete endorsement of the resource by UCEDC, nor should any value judgment be inferred from an entity's omission from this list.

FEDERAL/STATE GENERAL BUSINESS RESOURCES

US Small Business Administration
Two Gateway Center,
Suite 1002 Newark, NJ
07102

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Fax: 973-645-6265
E-mail:
john.blackstock@sba.gov Website:
www.sba.gov

John Blackstock District Director

The US Small Business Administration, established in 1953, provides financial, technical and management assistance to help Americans start, run, and grow their businesses. The SBA provides loan guarantees to area lenders for loans to small business. The SBA is the nation's largest financial backer of small business.

New Jersey Business Action Center 33 West State Street
Trenton, NJ 08625

Phone: 1-800-JERSEY-7
Fax: 609-292-5509
Email: feedback@sos.state.nj.us
Website: www.nj.gov/state/bac

Melanie Willoughby
Executive Director

The New Jersey Business Action Center (NJBAC) is a business-first resource staffed by experts who can help your business whether you are just getting started or are already established. Our team can help you get answers from government agencies, direct you to appropriate officials or contacts, facilitate meetings and follow-ups with regulatory agencies and so much more, all at no cost and strictly confidential.

Whether you are an entrepreneur, own a business on "Main Street", are located on a corporate campus, or interested in expanding your products and services through export, we're here for you. We are a business advocacy team within the Department of State, dedicated to solving problems and maximizing growth opportunities.

Our team includes the Office of Business Advocacy, the Office of Small Business Advocacy, the Office of Export Promotion, the Office of Planning Advocacy and the Business Helpline. Our experts know the ins and outs of operating a business in the Garden State and can put that knowledge to work for you.

Our motto says it all. "Business questions? NJBAC has answers!" Call our Business Helpline at 1-800- JERSEY-7 or visit us at https://www.nj.gov/state/bac/business-support/overview/ today.

FEDERAL/STATE GENERAL BUSINESS RESOURCES (Con't)

New Jersey Business & Industry Association 10 West Lafayette Street
Trenton, NJ 08608-1199

Phone: 609-393-7707
Email: info@njbia.org Website: www.njbia.org

Michele N. Siekerka
President

The New Jersey Business & Industry Association provides information, services and advocacy to its member companies in order to build a more prosperous New Jersey. NJBIA is the nation's largest statewide employer association. Its members collectively employ more than one million people. Member benefits include exclusive access to low-cost auto insurance through New Jersey Manufacturers Insurance Company (NJM).

New Jersey Economic Development Authority 36 West State Street
P.O. Box 990
Trenton, NJ 08625-0820

Phone: 844-965-1125
Email: customercare@njeda.com
Website: www.njeda.com

Timothy Sullivan
Chief Executive Officer

The Authority's programs are tailored to the individual needs of the business community by assisting with creative financing packages, technical assistance, site selection and acquisition. In addition, the authority offers a business advocacy service providing assistance in dealing with state government.

New Jersey Pride Chamber
155 Willowbrook Boulevard, Suite 350
Wayne, NJ 07470

Phone: 973-869-9567
Email: info@njpridechamber.org
Website: www.njpridechamber.org

Noah Michael O'Hare President

The New Jersey Pride Chamber of Commerce advances the business interests of LGBTQ+ and allied professionals in the tri-state area. The organization promotes the economic growth and development of members by providing LGBT+ business enterprise certification, networking opportunities, and a range of other business and professional development resources.

New Jersey State Library System – Small Business Services

Phone: 973-733-7779
Email: reference@npl.org Website: www.njstatelib.org

The New Jersey State Library System provides many services including small business services. If you have a business question ("Ask a Business Librarian"), you can have your question answered by a business research expert from the Newark Public Library, a service supported by the New Jersey State Library. Please send your detailed question to the above email. With a card from any New Jersey Library, you can also use the library's Business Research Tools to get access to market research and company databases.

FEDERAL/STATE GENERAL BUSINESS RESOURCES (Con't)

African American Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey
379 West
State Street
Trenton, NJ
08608

Phone: 609-571-1620
Fax: 609-571-1608
Email: jharmon@aaccnj.com
Website: www.aaccnj.com

John E. Harmon, Sr. President & CEO

The African American Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey (AACCNJ) is dedicated to economically empowering and sustaining African American communities and businesses through entrepreneurship and capitalistic initiatives throughout the state of New Jersey and through its partnership with the National Black Chamber of Commerce, Inc. (NBCC).

New Jersey Chamber of Commerce 216 West
State Street Trenton, NJ
08608

Phone: 609-989-7888
E-mail: theresa@njchamber.com
Website: www.njchamber.com

Thomas Bracken President & CEO

For more than a century, the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce (NJCC) has been the business community's voice in Trenton. NJCC promotes the interests of its members and the state's business community via legislation and regulations that will grow the economy, create new jobs and make the state more competitive and more affordable for everyone.

Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
of New Jersey
1280 Wall Street, Suite 312
Lyndhurst, NJ 07071

Phone: 201-935-0035
Fax: 866-226-1828
E-mail: chamber@shccnj.org
Website: www.shccnj.org

Carlos A. Medina Chair

As a not-for-profit organization for over 28 years, the Statewide Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey (SHCCNJ), has become the voice of the 119,000 Hispanic-owned businesses that contribute over $20 billion to the state's economy. The chamber is the premier vehicle to access the Latino community and its formidable purchasing power, as evidenced by our growth of non-Hispanic membership reaching 45 percent.

Rutgers University Center for Urban Entrepreneurship & Economic Development 1 Washington Park
Newark, NJ 07102

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Email: lrichardson@business.rutgers.edu
Website: www.business.rutgers.edu

Lyneir Richardson Executive Director

The Center for Urban Entrepreneurship & Economic Development (CUEED) is the first center of its kind in the nation to integrate scholarly works with private capital, government, and non-profit sectors to develop citywide resources and bring renewed economic growth and vitality through urban entrepreneurship. The center promotes and fosters a new generation of urban entrepreneurs who actively seek socially conscious urban renaissance.

REGIONAL BUSINESS RESOURCES - MONMOUTH COUNTY

U.S. Department of Commerce - Commercial Service, Central Jersey
406 E. State Street
Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

Phone: 609-896-2733
Email: lauren.platz@trade.gov
Website: www.trade.gov

Lauren Platz
International Trade Specialist

The U.S. Commerce Service, an important part of the U.S. Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration, helps businesses in New Jersey to export goods and services to overseas buyers.

New Jersey Small Business Development Center at Brookdale Community College ATEC Building, Room 111
765 Newman Springs Road
Lincroft, NJ 07738

Phone: 732-842-8685
Fax: 732-224-2061
Email: jfuertes@brookdalecc.edu
Website: www.mosbdc.com

Dr. Jackie Mejias-Fuertes Regional Director

The Small Business Development Center provides free professional, comprehensive consulting and training services to both start-up and established small business owners. The center at Brookdale Community College serves Monmouth and Ocean counties.

New Jersey State Women's Chamber of Commerce (NJSWC)

Phone:
Email:info@njwomenschamber.org
Website: www.njwomenschamber.org

Mamie Tolbert
President

The New Jersey State Women's Chamber of Commerce's mission is to support, connect, and advocate for women business owners throughout the state of New Jersey. We aim to amplify your voice, expand your reach, and empower your success through a comprehensive range of programs, resources, and opportunities.

Monmouth County SCORE
33 Washington Street
Toms River, NJ 08753

Phone: 732-505-6033
Email: dana.masi@scorevolunteer.org
Website: www.monmouth.score.org

Dana Masi
Chapter Chair

SCORE is a volunteer association sponsored by the US Small Business Administration. Most SCORE volunteers are retired business owners though some members still work. Volunteers work in or near their home communities to provide management counseling and training to first-time entrepreneurs and current small business owners.

LOCAL BUSINESS RESOURCES – MONMOUTH COUNTY

Allentown Business Community Association PO Box 432
Allentown, NJ 08501

Phone: 609-337-2878
Website: www.allentownnj.com

Jack West President

The Allentown Business Community Association assists the local government, schools, and local non-profit organizations through fundraising activities. It offers the opportunity for local businesses to network to improve services offered to the local community.

Avon-by-the-Sea Business Community
301 Main Street
Avon-by-the-Sea, NJ 07717

Phone: 732-502-4510
Fax: 732-774-0605
Email:
kmcguigan@avonbytheseanj.com
Website: www.avonbytheseanj.com

Kerry McGuigan Administrator

Comprised of local businesses, Avon-by-the-Sea Business Community's goal is enhance entrepreneurial vitality.

Belmar Business Partnership 923 Main Street
Belmar, NJ 07719

Phone: 732-927-1789
Website:
www.discoverbelmar.com

Mike Hayes President

The mission of the Belmar Business Partnership (BBP) is to foster the economic development and revitalization of the Belmar businesses and business community through the private and public partnerships we are charged to manage.

Monmouth County Clerk's Office 33 Mechanic Street
Freehold, NJ 07728

Phone: 732-431-7324
Phone: 732-761-9371
Email:
countyclerk@co.monmouth,nj.us
Website:
www.monmouthcountyclerk.com

Christine Hanlon County Clerk

The Clerk's office registers sole proprietor businesses and partnerships.

Monmouth County Division of Economic Development
1 East Main Street
Freehold, NJ 07728

Phone: 732-431-7470
Email:
econdev@co.monmouth.nj.us
Website: www.visitmonmouth.com

Susan Kiley Director

The Economic Development Corporation works with businesses and government agencies to foster job growth, to aid in workforce development and to encourage economic development throughout the county.

Monmouth County Workforce Development 17 Christopher Way
Eatontown, NJ 07724

Phone: 732-683-8850, Ext. 6011
Email: judy.vanbrunt@dol.nj.gov
Website:
https://www.visitmonmouth.com/page.asp x?ID=3902

Judy Van Brunt Director

The Monmouth County Workforce Development is where people of all walks of life and income levels can get help

finding a job. Training is available for those who are unemployed and career counselors can help people who already have a job find a better job.

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Downtown Freehold
20 Court Street, Suite 100
Freehold, NJ 07728

Phone: 732-333-0094
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Email: happenings@downtownfreehold.com
Website: www.downtownfreehold.com

Jeffrey J. Friedman, Esq.
Executive Director

Downtown Freehold works on behalf of all those who live, work or invest in the downtown area to achieve the following goals: foster the downtown's economic development, encourage the downtown's revitalization and reserve the downtown's historic past.

Fair Haven Business Association 811
River Road
Fair Haven, NJ 07704

Phone: 732-212-0800
Email: fhbanj@gmail.com
Website: www.fairhavenbusiness.com

Tom Boll President

The purpose of the Fair Haven Business Association is to promote Fair Haven as a great destination for visitors as well as a great home for businesses.

Hazlet Business Owners Association PO Box 5002
Hazlet NJ 07730

Phone: 732-670-3114
Email: info@hazletbizowners.biz Website: www.hazletbizowners.biz

Rob Bengivenga
Administrator

The objective of the association is to further the principles of fair business practices, to aide in the establishment of clear communications with township government, to foster good relations with the local police, fire and first aid departments and to assist local businesses in being treated as a "Valued" asset of the community.

Highlands Business Partnership
140 Bay Avenue
Highlands, NJ 07732

Phone: 732-291-4713
Email: hbp@highlandsnj.com
Website: www.highlandsnj.com

Jay Cosgrove President

The Highlands Business Partnership, a non-profit organization, manages and/or oversees recreational, educational and cultural activities, events and programs intended to promote the public welfare, historic cultural, economic well- being and vitality of community life within the Borough of Highlands.

Jersey Shore Partnership, (The)
c/o EPS Corporation 78
Apple Street
Tinton Falls, NJ 07724

Phone: 732-546-2601
Email: info@jerseyshorepartnership.com
Website: www.jerseyshorepartnership.com

Frank Robinson President

The Jersey Shore Partnership stands as the state's leading advocate and champion of beach replenishment and restoration to protect our coastline - a natural treasure and a major contributor to the state's tourism industry as well as a favorite destination for fun and relaxation.

LOCAL BUSINESS RESOURCES – MONMOUTH COUNTY (Con't)

Keyport Bayfront Business Cooperative P.O. Box 60
Keyport, NJ 07735

Phone: 732-739-5138
Email: kbbcvisitkeyport@gmail.com
Website: www.visitkeyport.org

Rose Araneo
President

The mission of the Keyport Business Alliance is to help inject a new interest in this quaint shore borough through advertising, publicity and events that draw families and friends to see what Keyport has to offer.

Monmouth-Ocean Development Council Monmouth Shores Corporate Park 4814
Outlook Drive, Suite 102
Wall, NJ 07753

Phone: 732-751-8696
Email: dana@modc.com
Website: www.modc.com

Dana Lancellotti Executive Director

The Monmouth-Ocean Development Council (MODC) is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life and business environment in Monmouth and Ocean counties. MODC's members include hundreds of influential business, community and government leaders representing diverse groups through the bi-county region.

Red Bank River Center
46 English Plaza, Suite 6B
Red Bank, NJ 07701

Phone: 732-842-4244
Website: www.redbank.org/rivercenter

Mairin Bennett
Executive Director

The goal of the Red Bank Center, a non-profit organization, is to make Red Bank the people's choice to live, work, play, dine and shop. To accomplish this, the center promotes local merchants, recruits new businesses, stages vibrant downtown events and beautifies Red Bank's streetscapes.

Spring Lake Business Improvement District 1207 Third Avenue
Spring Lake, NJ 07762

Phone: 732-449-0037
Email: info@visitspringlake.com Website: www.visitspringlake.com

Dawn McDonough Executive Director

The Spring Lake Business Improvement District (SLBID), managed by the Spring Lake Business Development Corporation, is committed to encouraging the involvement of all concerned Spring Lake property and business owners in the district.

MONMOUTH COUNTY URBAN ENTERPRISE ZONES

The UEZ Program was created to foster an economic climate that revitalizes designated urban communities and stimulates their growth by encouraging businesses to develop and create private sector jobs through public and private investment.

Asbury Park UEZ
One Municipal Plaza
Asbury Park, NJ 07712

Phone: 732-502-4579
Email: sylvia.sylvia@cityofasburypark.com Website: www.cityofasburypark.com

Sylvia Park
UEZ Bus Development Administrator

Long Branch Urban Enterprise Zone 344 Broadway
Long Branch, NJ 07740

Phone: 732-923-2041
Email: rthompson@longbranch.org
Website: www.longbranch.org

Richard A Thompson
UEZ Coordinator

CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE – MONMOUTH COUNTY

The following Chambers of Commerce serve as a clearinghouse of information and resources for the business community within their coverage area, including networking. The goal of each chamber is to help strengthen and grow the general businesses environment in their respective community.

Asbury Park Chamber of Commerce P.O. Box 649 Asbury Park, NJ 07712	Phone: 732-775-7676 Fax: 732-775-7675 Email: info@asburyparkchamber.com Website: www.asburyparkchamber.com	Matthew Whelan Executive Director
Atlantic Highlands Chamber of Commerce 68 First Avenue Atlantic Highlands, NJ 07716	Phone: 732-872-8711 Email: info@atlantichighlands.org Website: www.ahchamber.org	Tony Zertuche President
Brielle Chamber of Commerce PO Box 162 Brielle, NJ 08730-0162	Phone: 732-528-0377 Email: lespitt89@yahoo.com Website: www.briellechamber.com	Leslie Naughton President
Eastern Monmouth Area Chamber of Commerce 97 Apple St, Suite 8 Tinton Falls, NJ 07724	Phone: 732-741-0055 Email: info@emacc.org Website: www.emacc.org	Jennifer Eckhoff Executive Director
Greater Long Branch Chamber of Commerce 228 Broadway Long Branch, NJ 07740	Phone: 732-222-0400 Email: info@longbranchchamber.org Website: www.longbranchchamber.org	Nancy Zuckerman President
Greater Ocean Township Chamber of Commerce 163 Monmouth Road Oakhurst, NJ 07755	Phone: 732-660-1888 Email: gotcc@gotcc.org Website: www.gotcc.org	Regina Longo Executive Director
Greater Spring Lake Chamber of Commerce 313 Washington Avenue Spring Lake, NJ 07762	Phone: 732-449-0577 Email: info@springlake.org Website: www.springlake.org	Elizabeth Capone Executive Director
Howell Chamber of Commerce PO BOX 196 Howell, NJ 07731	Phone: 732-363-4114 Email: info@howellchamber.com Website: www.howellchamber.com	Susan Dominguez Executive Director
Jersey Shore Chamber of Commerce 1856 Highway 35 Wall, NJ 07719	Phone: 732-280-8800 Fax: 732-280-8505 Email: executivedirector@jsccnj.com Website: www.jerseyshorechambernj.com	Evelyn Mars Executive Director
Manasquan Chamber of Commerce 107 Main Street Manasquan, NJ 08736	Phone: 732-223-8303 Website: www.manasquanchamber.org	Frank Calabrese President

CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE – MONMOUTH COUNTY (Con't)

Matawan-Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce 201 Broad Street
PO Box 522
Matawan, NJ 07747

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Website: www.macocnj.com

Linda Martin Director

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Terese Rolke
Executive Director

Ocean Grove Area Chamber of Commerce 39 Pilgrim Pathway
Ocean Grove, NJ 07756

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Website: www.oceangrovenj.com

Jessie Thompson Executive Director

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