

Local Resources to Help You Start Your Business

When starting a business it is important to have a diverse base of information sources. One way to insure success is through education. The more you know about your field, the better off your business will be. The following is a partial list of information resources.

Small Business Development Center (SBDC): An outreach arm of the University of Georgia, the SBDC offers a wide range of free business consulting services for potential business owners including assistance in starting a business, obtaining financing, and developing marketing and managerial plans. We invite you to check out SBDC course offerings and workshops for potential business owners and entrepreneurs.

http://www.sfdc.uga.edu/newsite/index.aspx?page_name=index

University of Georgia Small Business Development Center, 111 E. Liberty St., Suite 200, Savannah, GA 31401-4410
Telephone (912) 912-651-3200

SCORE (Service Core of Retired Executives)
111 E. Liberty St., Suite 200, Savannah, GA 31401-4410
Telephone: (912) 652-4335

Financing Options - CADDA and SBAC

CADDA (the Coastal Area District Development Authority) was created in 1976 to administer a \$5 million grant to a seafood processor in Glynn County. In 1982, CADDA became a Certified Development Company for the purpose of delivering the Small Business Administration (**SBA**) **504 Program**. CADDA also offers loans through the SBA 7A guaranteed and Rural Development IRP loan programs. CADDA offers these loan programs to small businesses in Southeast Georgia, lower South Carolina, and northern Florida. The objective of these economic development loan programs is to create or retain permanent jobs and increase productivity in the communities. Since 1976, CADDA has assisted in creating or retaining 8,500 jobs, in participation with area banks. For more information call CADDA at 912-236-9566.

Small Business Assistance Corporation

111 E. Liberty Street, Suite 100
PO Box 10750
Savannah, GA 31412
Phone: 912-232-4700
Web Site: www.sbasav.com

Effingham County Chamber of Commerce: Promotes economic growth in the community through a variety of programs and services. It can serve as your connection to the existing economic and political community.

Effingham County Chamber

520 W. Third St.
Springfield, GA 31329

Telephone (912) 754-3301
Visit their website at www.effinghamcounty.com

Effingham County Administrative Office

601 North Laurel Street
Springfield, Georgia 31329
Monday — Friday
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Effingham County Office Annex

Business License Office
768 Hwy 119 South
Springfield, GA 31329
Telephone: (912) 754-2105

Clerk of Superior Court

Real Estate Dept.
700 N. Pine St.
Springfield, GA 31329
754-2118

Drugs Don't Work Program: Administered locally by the
Effingham County Chamber of Commerce.
520 W. Third Street, Springfield, GA 31329.
Phone: (912) 754-3301

Savannah Technical College:

Savannah Campus

5717 White Bluff Road
Savannah, GA 31405
912-443-5700

Effingham County Campus

2890 Hwy. 21 South
Rincon, GA 31326
912-754-2880

Georgia Department of Economic Development

Ray Snow, Regional Project Manager
162 Tison Dr.
Brunswick, GA 31523
678-640-6941
www.georgia.org

Georgia Department of Labor:

148 International Blvd. NE, Atlanta, GA 30303
Phone (404) 656-3017 <http://www.dol.ga.gov>

Georgia Tech Economic Development Institute: Located at
760 Spring St. NW, Atlanta, GA 30332-0640, www.edi.gatech.edu

City of Guyton

310 Central Blvd.
Guyton, GA 3131
912-772-3353

City of Rincon

302 S. Columbia Ave.
Rincon, GA. 31326
912-826-5745

City of Springfield

130 South Laurel St.
Springfield, GA 31329
912-754-6666

Live Oak Public Libraries:

Rincon

17th Street at Hwy 21
Rincon, GA 31326
Phone: 826-2222
Visit their website <http://www.liveoakpl.org>

Springfield

810 Hwy 119 South
Springfield, GA 31329
754-3003

Higher education institutions offer an ever-changing calendar of short courses as well as credit courses in business, management and entrepreneurship. These include: Georgia Institute of Technology, (404) 894-2000, as well as the Continuing Education Center at the University of Georgia, Savannah; Phone: (912) 651-3200.

Armstrong Atlantic State University, Phone 912-927-5277

Georgia Institute of Technology, Phone: 404 894-2000

Georgia Institute of Technology - Savannah Campus 912-966-7913

University of Georgia, Savannah - Continuing Education Center;

Phone: 912 651-3200.

Georgia Southern University- Statesboro - College of Business Administration

Phone: 912-681-5106

Savannah State University, Phone: 912-356-2181

Better Business Bureau of the Coastal Empire:

6606 Abercorn St 108-C
Savannah, GA 31405
(912) 354-7521 <http://www.bbbsoutheastatlantic.org/newindex.html>

Georgia Secretary of State's Office: This office is determined to ensure the success of small business in the state. A variety of information can be obtained through this office including business forms, licenses and regulations. Located at 211 State Capitol, Atlanta, Georgia 30331. Check out the "First Stop Business Information Center at <http://sos.georgia.gov/firststop/>. Phone Number: (404) 656-2881.

Internal Revenue Service: Located in Atlanta. Call (800) 424-1040 or (800) 829-4933 Web Address: www.irs.gov. Also listed are services most useful for Small Businesses: <http://www.irs.gov/businesses/small/index.html>

Minority Business Development Agency Regional Office: Located at 401 W. Peachtree St., Room 1715, Atlanta, Georgia 30308. Phone Number (404) 730-3300

Small Business Administration: Regional Office Phone Number (404) 347- 4999 District Office Phone Number (404) 347-2441 Internet address is www.sbaonline.sba.gov

US Department of Labor: This office can provide you with information on OSHA. Atlanta Office-Located at 1375 Peachtree Street N.E. Suite 587 Phone Number (404) 347-3573 <http://www.dol.gov/>

**University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service:
UGA Cooperative Extension Service of Effingham County**

403 North Pine Street
Springfield, GA 31329
912.754.2134

<http://www.caes.uga.edu/extension/>