Pinellas County Economic Development

# Business assistance

facilitating entrepreneurial success and growth

PINELLAS COUNTY

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

WWW.PCED.ORG

# Business development center

Fostering business growth

Pinellas County Economic Development

## Services and assistance include:

- One-on-one counseling for qualifying start-up or established businesses
- Connection to the county's Business Assistance Partnership Specialists (BAPS)
- Training in management, marketing, business start-up and financial issues
- Assistance with computers, software and virtual business programs
- Training in government procurement and the certification process
- Orientation to state and local incentive programs
- Direct link to WorkNet Pinellas employment assistance

# Financial assistance

## Pinellas County Florida means business

- Financing assistance with SBA loans, micro loans and conventional loans; commercial and real estate financing programs
- Orientation to volunteer business services
- Reference library featuring a full-range of business publications
- Computer workstations and links to research facts and high-tech issues
- Assistance with contacts, business agreements and business/marketing plans
- Qualification assistance for industrial revenue bonds

# Business training

## Designed to help your business grow

The Pinellas County Business Development Center (PCBDC) delivers a myriad of no-cost services through a model program unique to the state of Florida. The center assists entrepreneurs and existing businesses through business training classes designed to meet the specific needs of the Pinellas County business community. Seminars are taught by industry experts and trained counselors with one common goal: to ensure the success and growth of your business enterprise.

Training classes include:

- Business start-up
- Entrepreneurial assessment
- Business financing
- Tax regulations
- Bookkeeping/accounting methods
- Marketing
- Procurement opportunities
- NxLevel business planning certification

Our focus is listening and then providing the business and educational services that our local companies, entrepreneurs and start-up businesses need to succeed.

# Business development center

## Fostering business growth

The Pinellas County Business Development Center (PCBDC), in partnership with St. Petersburg College, blends business expertise, specialized training, technology applications and real-world experience to help your enterprise succeed.

- Counseling services
- Business and education training courses
- Customized business start-up guides, marketing plans and business plans
- Links to financing
- International export assistance
- Government contracts and certification assistance
- Business Assistance Partnership (BAP) program

# Business assistance

## Business Assistance Partnership Program

To keep our economy thriving, Pinellas County Economic Development has implemented an innovative Business Assistance Partnership (BAP) program with many of the county's municipalities and chambers of commerce. The partnership is designed to assist existing businesses and provide avenues for new businesses to flourish in Pinellas County.

Each partnering community has a business assistance specialist providing assistance for issues relating to business start-up, expansion and relocation. These trained specialists provide a vital link between Pinellas County businesses and the numerous organizations and programs that assist them.

Businesses are encouraged to utilize the resources available through this partnership to sustain and grow their business.

Pinellas County
Business Assistance Program
Pinellas County Economic Development
13805 58th Street North
Suite 1-200
Clearwater, Florida 33760
(727) 464-7332

HBIF
Hispanic Business Initiative Fund
7402 North 56th Street
Building 400, Suite 425
Tampa, Florida 33617
(727) 453-7200

Largo
Business Assistance Program
Largo/Mid-Pinellas
Chamber of Commerce
151 3rd Street Northwest
Largo, Florida 33770
(727) 584-2321

Oldsmar
Business Assistance Program
Upper Tampa Bay Regional
Chamber of Commerce
163 State Road 580 West
Oldsmar, Florida 34677
(813) 855-4233

Palm Harbor
Business Assistance Program
Palm Harbor
Chamber of Commerce
1151 Nebraska Avenue
Palm Harbor, Florida 34683
(727) 784-4287

Pinellas Park
Business Assistance Program
Pinellas park Mid-County
Chamber of Commerce
5851 Park Boulevard
Pinellas Park, Florida 33781
(727) 544-4777

Seminole
Business Assistance Program
Seminole Chamber of Commerce
8400 113th Street
Seminole, Florida 33772
(727) 392-3245

St. Petersburg
Business Assistance Program
St. Petersburg Area
Chamber of Commerce
100 2nd Avenue North, Suite 150
St. Petersburg, Florida 33701
(727) 821-4069

Tarpon Springs
Business Assistance Program
11 East Orange Street
Tarpon Springs, Florida 34689
(727) 937-6109

# Community partners

## Business Assistance Partnership Program

Current participating Pinellas County Business Assistance Partnership programs.

# Business assistance

## Facilitating entrepreneurial success and growth

Pinellas County Economic Development

Contact Pinellas County Economic Development to learn how we can help grow your business.

Stay Informed - sign up for Pinellas County Economic Development's monthly e-newsletter Tips, Trends and Technology at www.pced.org/subscribe.

PINELLAS COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
WWW.PCED.ORG

13805 58th Street, Suite 1-200, Clearwater, Florida 33760
(727) 453-7200 - www.pced.org