

## **Area Resources for Entrepreneurs and Business Owners** **Starting or Expanding a Business in East Central Illinois**

### [Your Local Chamber](#)

#### **Business Solutions Center at Eastern Illinois University**

Ph. 217-581-2913 [www.eiu.edu/bsc](http://www.eiu.edu/bsc)

- [Where to Begin](#)
- [Video of Services](#)
- [Free Confidential Counseling](#)
- [How to Start a Business Class](#)
- [County specific Start-up Data](#)

#### **SCORE**

Ph. 217-549-3522 [www.score.org](http://www.score.org)

- [Templates for business plans and financial reports](#)
- Articles and Webinars
- [Local Training](#)
- Free and Confidential Counseling

#### **East Central IL Development Corp. (ECIDC)**

Ph. 217-540-3517 [www.ecidc.com](http://www.ecidc.com)

- On-line Resource Library with helpful links to local, state, and federal resources
- Demographic Data by County and Region
- Market Analysis Services

#### **Center for Business and Industry of Lake Land College**

Ph 217-235-1282 [www.lakeland.cc.il.us/cbi](http://www.lakeland.cc.il.us/cbi)

- Leadership and Organizational Development
- Workforce Development
- Quality and Process Improvement

#### **Illinois Small Business Development Center @ Illinois Eastern Community Colleges**

Ph. 618-395-3011 [www.iecc.edu/sbdc2](http://www.iecc.edu/sbdc2)

- One on One Business Counseling
- Business Planning & Market Research Assistance
- Financial Analysis
- Training and Education
- [Business Resources](#)
- [Exclusive Area Profit Mastery Facilitator](#)

#### **Illinois Entrepreneurship Network - DCEO**

- [Starting a Business in Illinois](#)
- [International Trade Assistance Partners](#)
- [Government Contracting Partners](#)

#### **Small Business Administration [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov)**

- [Business Loan Structuring/Packaging Assistance](#)

#### **Illinois workNet Centers**

Mattoon-Effingham-Olney-Centralia

[www.illinoisworknet.com](http://www.illinoisworknet.com)

- Tools for Employee Recruitment
- Direction with Employee Training & Skills Upgrades
- Access to Essential Labor Market Information

### [Your Local Regional Planning Commission](#)

### **Your Local Economic Development Representative**

### [Your Local University of Illinois Extension Office](#)