

## **Minority Business Resources**

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### **Office of Historically Underutilized Businesses**

HUB's mission is to promote economic opportunities for historically underutilized businesses in state government contracting and procurement that will foster their growth and profitability.

[www.doa.state.nc.us/hub](http://www.doa.state.nc.us/hub)

### **Small Business Administration**

SBA offers a variety of programs and support services to help you navigate the issues you face with your initial applications, and resources to help after you open for business.

[www.sba.gov/about-offices-content/2/3127](http://www.sba.gov/about-offices-content/2/3127)

### **Minority Business Development Agency**

The Agency's mission is to actively promote the growth and competitiveness of large, medium and small minority business enterprises (MBEs).

[www.mbda.gov/](http://www.mbda.gov/)

### **Survey of Business Owners**

The Survey of Business Owners (SBO) provides the only comprehensive, regularly collected source of information on selected economic and demographic characteristics for businesses and business owners by gender, ethnicity, race, and veteran status.

[www.census.gov/econ/sbo/](http://www.census.gov/econ/sbo/)

### **Business Link North Carolina**

BLNC or Business Link North Carolina is involves everything you need to know from licenses, government contracting, business plans, tax information to marketing and access to capital.

[www.blnc.gov](http://www.blnc.gov)

### **Carolina Minority Supplier Development Councils, Inc.**

CMSDC promotes and facilitates business relationships between the public/private sector and certified minority-owned businesses.

[www.carolinasmcdc.org](http://www.carolinasmcdc.org)

### **North Carolina Department of Labor**

The department serves the needs of the workplace through a variety of programs aimed at making the employees of North Carolina safe.

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

### **North Carolina Institute of Minority Economic Development**

The North Carolina Institute of Minority Economic Development is a statewide nonprofit organization representing the interest of underdeveloped and underutilized sectors of the state's economic base.

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

### **Supplier Diversity Business Resource Directory**

To conveniently connect certified Minority, Woman, Veteran and Disabled Veteran-owned businesses, as well as Small, Disadvantaged, 8(a) and HUBzone certified companies with large corporations through Supplier Diversity.

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

### **Economic Security Commission**

The Commission provides employment services, unemployment insurance, and labor market information to the State's workers, employers, and the public.

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

### **Self Help**

Creating and protecting ownership and economic opportunity for all, especially people of color, women, rural residents and low-wealth families and communities.

[www.self-help.org](http://www.self-help.org)

### **Latin Business Association**

The LBA provides innovative programs and services that enhance the success, growth and advancement of Latino and Minority businesses, and the community at large.

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

### **Small Business and Technology Development Center**

The SBTDC partners with the U.S. Small Business Administration which makes us a unique and valued asset in the economic development of our State.

[www.sbtcd.org/index.asp](http://www.sbtcd.org/index.asp)

### **NC Rural Center**

NC Rural Center's mission is to develop, promote and implement sound economic strategies to improve the quality of life of rural North Carolinians.

[www.ncruralcenter.org/](http://www.ncruralcenter.org/)

### **NC Lawyers for Entrepreneurs Assistance Program (NC LEAP)**

Through NC LEAP lawyers are building North Carolina's communities one business at a time by providing free legal services to low-wealth entrepreneurs; helping them to help their communities.

[www.ncbar.org/ncleap](http://www.ncbar.org/ncleap)

### **Women's Business Enterprise Council, Inc.**

The [Women's Business Enterprise National Council](http://www.wbencouncil.org/) (WBENC) is dedicated to advancing the success of certified women's business enterprises and corporate members in partnership with its affiliated women's business organizations.

[www.wbencouncil.org/](http://www.wbencouncil.org/)