

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN WASHINGTON, DC



This fact sheet provides an overview of several government and nonprofit economic development resources for business leaders and entrepreneurs in Washington, DC.

## **Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development**

Telephone: (202) 727-6365 | Web: [www.dcbiz.dc.gov](http://www.dcbiz.dc.gov)

The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED) supports the Mayor in developing and executing the District's economic development policies. The purpose of the Office is to assist the Mayor in the coordination, planning, supervision, and execution of programs, policies, proposals, and functions related to economic development in the District of Columbia. DMPED also advises the Mayor on the most effective allocation of public resources devoted to economic development.

Functions:

The Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development serves the Mayor in three ways:

- Oversees and coordinates execution of the District's economic development programs and projects
- Represents the Mayor to businesses, developers, and other government agencies
- Manages the executive agencies responsible for economic development

## **Department of Small and Local Business Development**

Telephone: (202) 727-3900 | Web: [www.dslbd.dc.gov](http://www.dslbd.dc.gov)

The Department of Small and Local Business Development is a full-service, cabinet level agency charged with fostering economic growth and the development of emerging District-based business enterprises through programs and opportunities, agency and public/private contract compliance, advocacy, and supportive legislation.

The Department works to stimulate and expand the local tax base of the District of Columbia, to increase the number of viable employment opportunities for District residents, and to extend the city's economic prosperity to local business owners, their employees, and the communities they serve.

DSLBD is comprised of the following four divisions that work in conjunction to sustain and grow small and local businesses: Certification, Compliance and Enforcement; Business Opportunities and Access to Capital; Training and Education; and Commercial Revitalization.

## **Office of Contracting and Procurement**

Telephone: (202) 727-0252 | Web: [www.ocp.dc.gov](http://www.ocp.dc.gov)

The Office of Contracting and Procurement (OCP) plays a major role in the growth and development of the District.

The agency is organized into five key sections:

- Construction;
- Procurement (*goods and services*);
- Procurement Support;
- Administration;
- and Performance Management & Transformation.

All other goods and services are procured by OCP for specific agencies. For a listing of other agencies served, visit OCP's website.

### **Washington, DC Economic Partnership**

Telephone: (202) 661-8670 | Web: [www.wdcep.com](http://www.wdcep.com)

The Washington, DC Economic Partnership is a public/ private partnership dedicated to facilitating economic development in the District of Columbia. The organization partners with a variety of community stakeholders to accomplish their mission of promoting business opportunities throughout the District and contributing to business retention and attraction activities.

### **DC Workforce Investment Council**

Telephone: (202) 698-5826 | Web: [www.dcwic.dc.gov](http://www.dcwic.dc.gov)

The DC Workforce Investment Council (DCWIC) is a group of public and private organizations empowered to advise the Mayor and District government on:

- Developing, implementing, and continuously improving the District's Workforce Investment system
- Enhancing and developing accountability and performance systems
- Developing and encouraging private sector participation
- Encouraging public input and support

Members of the DCWIC include representatives from the private sector, local business representatives, organized labor, youth, community groups, and organizations with workforce investment experience.

### **Washington, DC Convention and Tourism Corporation**

Telephone: (202) 789-7000 | Web: [www.washington.org](http://www.washington.org)

The tourism corporation strives to enhance the city's economy by continually increasing the number of overnight visitors to the Washington area. The corporation works in conjunction with the city government and member companies to collectively market the Washington area to prospective meeting and convention clients, US and international tour organizers, and business and vacation travelers.

### **PEN - Metro DC's LGBT Chamber of Commerce**

Web: [www.pendc.org](http://www.pendc.org)

PEN, Metro DC's LGBT Chamber of Commerce, mission is to advocate, promote and facilitate the success of LGBT businesses and their allies in the Metro DC region.



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