

# STARTING A BUSINESS IN WASHINGTON, DC

This fact sheet provides an overview of government resources for those interested in starting a business in Washington, DC.

## Enhanced Business Information Center

The Enhanced Business Information Center (e-BIC) provides DC small businesses and entrepreneurs with training, consulting, and cutting-edge computer software that help their businesses become successful. In one central location and through business-related agency and organizational partners in DC, the e-BIC provides access to the following small business resources: monthly training courses, counseling, office resources, monthly updates on opportunities for small businesses and referrals to other small business resource providers.

Location: Martin Luther King, Jr Memorial Library, 901 G Street, NW. The e-BIC Business Center is located on the first level of the library and the e-BIC Video Conference Center is located on the A (lower) Level.

Hours: 9:30 am - 5:00 pm Monday through Friday

Transportation: The e-BIC is located across the street from Gallery Place Metro Station (Red, Green, and Yellow lines) and two blocks from Metro Center Station (Red, Orange, and Blue lines).

Telephone: (202) 727-2241 | Webs: [www.brc.dc.gov](http://www.brc.dc.gov)

## Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs

The DC Department of Consumer & Regulatory Affairs (DCRA) licenses more than 30,000 small businesses citywide more than 150 different categories. In order to operate legally in District of Columbia, most businesses must get a Basic Business License (BBL) from the DCRA.

For a copy of the relevant laws and rules applicable to these BBL categories, or for applications that are not available by downloading, visit the DCRA Licensing Center at 941 North Capitol Street, NE, First Floor, Washington, DC, 20002.

Phone: (202) 442-4400 | Web: [www.dcra.dc.gov](http://www.dcra.dc.gov)

## Washington, DC Economic Partnership

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.

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