

# Business Assistance, Local Programs & Workforce Development



**Be sure to look into various local tax credit or opportunity programs, and reach out to local business assistance organizations. Support for your new business venture is just a phone call, visit or click away.**

## **Lake County Community Development Corporation (LCCD)**

LCCD is a non-profit organization, which serves Lake, Mineral, and Sanders counties. The Business Development Center assists with business structure, business plans, funding, capitalization, and further education to name a few. For additional information, contact LCCD at (406) 676-5901 or email [lccdc@lakecountycdc.org](mailto:lccdc@lakecountycdc.org), or visit the website: [www.lakecountycdc.org](http://www.lakecountycdc.org).

## **Lake County Job Service (Job Service)**

Job Service is a division of the Montana Department of Labor and Industry. The Job Service assists employers with employee recruitment; resources for wage and hour questions, employment laws, and other employment related issues; trainings; applications; and required posters. For additional information, contact the Job Service at (406) 883-7880 or visit the website: [www.lakecountyjobs.mt.gov](http://www.lakecountyjobs.mt.gov).

## **Montana Business Expansion and Retention (BEAR)**

The BEAR team interviews and assesses local businesses to connect business owners with information and resources that are applicable to the needs and issues that the business may be facing. For additional information, contact Todd Erickson, Lake County Job Service, (406) 883-7885 or Marie Mahugh, Lake County Community Development Corporation, (406) 676-5901 or visit the website: <http://businessresources.mt.gov/BEAR/default.mcp>.

## **Montana Governor's Office of Economic Development**

The Governor's Office provides assistance to businesses, whether they are starting, expanding, or relocating. For additional information, visit the website: <http://business.mt.gov/>.

## **Montana Manufacturing Extension Center**

Montana Manufacturing Extension Center's main office is located in Bozeman, MT on the Montana State University campus. The professionals at the Montana Manufacturing Center can assist businesses with improvements and innovations to, ultimately, lead to increased profits. The list of trainings, events, and services provided are available on the website: : <http://www.mtmanufacturingcenter.com/>.

## **Small Business Development Center (SBDC)**

The SBDC provides a variety of resources to assist small businesses whether they are starting-up, expanding, or seeking growth and innovation. For additional information: contact Chris Parson, Director, at (406) 756-3836 or visit the website: <http://www.nwmontanabusiness.com/>.

## **The Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC)**

This program is designed to assist individuals who are facing barriers to transition into gainful employment. The tax credit can save Montana employers up to \$9,600 per qualifying new hire during the first year of employment. The number of qualifying new hires is unlimited and is available to both for-profit and tax-exempt organizations. For additional information, visit the website: <http://wsd.dli.mt.gov/wotc/wotc.asp>.

## **Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program (DBE)**

This program supports economically disadvantaged business owners in transportation contracts. For additional information, visit the website: <http://www.mdt.mt.gov/business/contracting/civil/dbe.shtml>.

## **Incumbent Worker Training Program (IWT)**

Assists qualified small businesses by funding job training for employees. The employer must apply for an IWT grant through one of three organizations that will assess eligibility and need. For additional information, visit the website: <http://www.wsd.dli.mt.gov/service/iwt.asp>.