



Technical Assistance

TELL US WHAT YOU NEED... WE'LL HELP YOU GET IT!

The Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) offers a broad range of programs and services to help businesses strengthen their competitive position in the global economy. DECD acts as the one point of contact to help businesses access the wide array of resources available.

HOW CAN WE HELP YOUR BUSINESS...

- Relocate to Connecticut:**
 - Financial resources for expansion, relocation and recruitment
 - Site selection assistance for relocating and expanding companies

- Get started:**
 - Streamlined registration and licensing process for new businesses
 - One-on-one business counseling services

- Grow:**
 - Technical training, skill development
 - Business counseling services
 - Job training services

- Get access to capital:**
 - DECD offers a wide variety of financial assistance programs
 - Various lending partners

- Improve your bottom line:**
 - New business opportunities in government bid work
 - Marketing assistance
 - Collaborate with industry, government and academia
 - Utility rate incentives for energy conservation/load management
 - Energy cost reductions through the use of sustainable energy products such as solar, wind and fuel cells

- Improve your productivity:**
 - Engineering assistance with ISO certification, lean manufacturing, plant layout, and supply chain management
 - Fast-track permitting through state and local regulatory agencies

- Expand your markets:**
 - Export assistance through DECD's International Office including trade and investment opportunities
 - Collaborate in national and international trade shows
 - Build public/private strategic partnerships

For more information, contact the Connecticut Business Response Center at 1-800-392-2122 or visit www.decd.org.



Organization

Connecticut Economic Resource Center – Provides economic development services

Website

www.cerc.com

Connecticut Licensing Information Center – Streamlined registration, permitting and licensing processes

www.ct-clic.com

Small Business Development Center – Professional, confidential, one-on-one business counseling services

www.ctsbdc.org

Women’s Business Development Council – Offers programs, services and business advice to women

www.ctwbdc.org

University of Hartford Entrepreneurial Center – Supports aspiring entrepreneurs, startups and growing businesses

www.hartford.edu/cpd

Service Corps of Retired Executives – Overview and insight on the process of establishing and operating a business

www.score.org

Department of Labor – Full range of employment and training services

www.ctdol.state.ct.us

Turnaround Management Association – Connecticut Corporate Revitalization Program.

www.turnaround.org

Small Business Administration – Information for small business owners

www.sba.gov

Institute for Sustainable Energy – Information on energy alternatives and sustainability

www.easternct.edu/sustainenergy

Energy Conservation – Conservation and load management assistance through the utility companies.
Northeast Utilities
United Illuminating

www.cl-p.com

www.uinet.com

UConn Tech-Knowledge Portal – Assists existing companies with technology related issues and entrepreneurs developing new tech-related products and forming new tech-based firms

www.otc.uconn.edu

Institute of Technology and Business Development – Technical training, skill development, industrial modernization

www.ccsu.edu/itbd

Procurement Technology Assistance Program – Marketing assistance for businesses that wish to sell products and services to government agencies

www.ctptap.org

Connecticut State Technology Extension Program – Engineering and technical support for manufacturing firms

www.connstep.org

Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology – Helps entities apply innovative tools and practices to increase efficiencies, improve workforce development and boost competitiveness

www.ccat.us

Connecticut Small Business Innovation Research Office – Helps high tech small businesses and entrepreneurs win federal SBIR/STTR awards. Facilitate commercialization by collaborating with industry, government and academia

www.ctinnovations.com

New England Trade Adjustment Assistance Center – Cost-shared assistance for import-injured manufacturers

www.netaac.org