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African American Chamber of Commerce

315 E. Robinson Street, Suite 100
Orlando, Florida 32801

Contact Person: Pamela Martin, Director of Operations

Phone: 407-420-4870

Fax: 407-420-4849

E-Mail: pmartin@blackcommerce.org

Mission: To unify and promote economic development for the benefit of the African-American Community.

Services: Nurture business creation, encourage business growth, promote expansion in the community, and contribute to the overall economic stability of the community.

Requirements: None

Fees: Membership Dues

Incubator Facilities: None Available

Black Business Investment Fund of Central Florida

315 E. Robinson Street, Suite 660
Orlando, Florida 32801

Contact Person: Joy Clark, Administrative Assistant to Director

Phone: 407-649-4780

Fax: 407-649-8688

E-Mail: jclarke@bbif.com

Mission: To develop and promote African-American business enterprises through education, training, loans, investments, and other activities and to aggressively promote an atmosphere conducive to their development.

Services: Provides loans and technical assistance to black-owned businesses.

Requirements: Must meet qualifications

Fees: None

Incubator Facilities: None Available

British American Chamber of Commerce of Central Florida, Inc.

Disney's Entrepreneurial Center
315 E. Robinson Street, Suite 100
Orlando, Florida 32801

Phone: 407-226-7251

Fax: 407-540-9700

E-Mail: info@britishamericanchamberorlando.com

Mission: Foster trade, commerce and understanding between the United States and the United Kingdom and between individuals and businesses of these two countries as well as internationally.

Fees: Membership Dues

Incubator Facilities: None Available

Crummer Graduate School of Business

Rollins College

1000 Holt Avenue, #2722

Winter Park, FL 32789

Contact Person: Craig McAllaster

Phone: 407-646-2610

Fax: 407-646-2402

E-Mail: cmcallaster@rollins.edu

Mission: To provide high quality business education to MBA candidates and executives.

Services: Entrepreneurial Development Workshops/ Seminars, Executive MBA Program, and Professional (evening) MBA Program.

Requirements: Varied depending on program

Fees: Varied depending on program or seminar

Incubator Facilities: None available

Disney Entrepreneurial Center

Landmark One Building

315 E. Robinson Street, Suite 100

Orlando, FL 32801

Phone: 407-420-4848

Fax: 407-420-4849

Web Site: www.floridanec.org

Services: The Disney Entrepreneur Center, specialize in helping first-time business owners grow and develop an idea from start to finish until they have a business they can be proud of. A massive database of information was created to give the entrepreneur a tool to succeed in not only starting a new business, but also helping a current one flourish. Service Providers of the Disney Entrepreneur Center offer a multitude of low-cost training seminars, ranging from start-up basics to strategic planning. All seminars are taught by experienced business professionals who can help you get ahead of the competition and on your way to success. You will find free one-on-one business counseling, and low-cost seminars, to high-impact networking opportunities.

Fees: Vary

Downtown Development Board's Real Estate Resource Center

City Hall – 400 S. Orange Avenue, 6th floor

Orlando, FL 32801

Phone: 407-246-2555

Fax: 407-246-2848

Mission: Recruitment of business into the downtown core, need to retain businesses, and the need to redevelop/renovate underutilized buildings downtown.

Services: Assist businesses in all aspects in moving to the downtown Orlando area.

Requirements: None

Fees: None

Incubator Facilities: None available

East Central Florida Regional Planning Council

631 N. Wymore Road, Suite 100
Maitland, FL 32751

Phone: 407-623-1075

Fax: 407-623-1084

Mission: Undertake a strategic planning program that provides for leadership in representing identified regional resources and interests, development and maintenance of a common and coordinated regional data system, coordination and assistance to governments at all levels, development of a shared vision of the future of the region, and coordination of the region's resources and energies to achieve common goals.

East Orange Chamber of Commerce

10111 E. Colonial Drive
Orlando, FL 32817

Contact Person: Annie Winterbottom, President

Tel: 407-277-5951

Fax: 407-381-1720

Economic Development Commission of Mid-Florida, Inc.

Capital Plaza
301 East Pine Street, Suite 900
Orlando, FL 32801

Contact Person: Ray Gilley, President/CEO

Phone: 407-422-7159

Fax: 407-843-9514

Email: ray.gilley@orlandoedc.com

Web Site: www.orlandoedc.com

Mission: Encourage the positive economic development of our community in order to diversify and stabilize the economy; provide job opportunities and upward mobility for the citizens of mid-Florida; in concert with the environment and quality of life.

Services: General Business (Retention and Expansion) –Professional Employment Network, training seminars, industrial revenue bonds, small business administration programs, Economic Development Transportation Fund, sales tax exemptions on new equipment, other incentives, research, government and international business assistance.

Requirements: None

Fees: None

Incubator Facilities: None available

Economic Development Office**City of Orlando**

400 S. Orange Avenue
Orlando, FL 32801

Contact Person: Frank Billingsley, Director

Phone: 407-246-2709

Fax: 407-246-3342

Web Site: www.cityoforlando.net

Mission: Strengthen and diversify the economy and expand the tax base, while preserving and enhancing the high quality of life currently enjoyed by our residents and businesses.

Services: Administers the following programs for the City of Orlando: The Mayor's Business Assistance Team, Job Creation Incentive Program, Infrastructure and Site Improvements, Economic Development Transportation Fund, Orlando's Enterprise Zone Program, Urban Job Tax Credit Program, Small Business Sewer Benefit Fee Program, Business Assistance Program, Arts and Culture Assistance Program and Business District Program.

Enterprise Florida, Inc.

390 N. Orange Avenue, Suite 1300
Orlando, FL 32801

Phone: 407-316-4600

Fax: 407-316-4599

Web Site: www.eflorida.com

Mission: Foster technological innovation and the creation, growth and expansion of Florida enterprises.

Services: Provide leadership, infrastructure, and tools to accelerate technology development.

Requirements: None

Fees: None

Incubator Facilities: None available

Florida Department of Management Services

Office of the Secretary
4050 Esplanade Way
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0950

Phone: 850-488-2786

Fax: 850-922-6149

Web Site: <http://dms.myflorida.com>

Florida Department of State

Division of Corporations
Clifton Building
2661 Executive Center Circle
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 6327, Tallahassee, FL 32314

Phone: 850-487-4698

Web Site: www.sunbiz.org

Services: Certifications, Annual Reports, Foreign Qualifications

Florida Department of Transportation (DOT)

Minority Programs Office

605 Suwannee Street, Mail Station 65

Tallahassee, FL 32399-0450

Phone: 850-414-4100

Web Site: <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/>

Florida Manufacturing Technology Center, Inc.

Enterprise Florida

200 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 1200

Orlando, Florida 32801

Contact: Rick Korchak, Executive Director

Phone: 407-425-5313

Fax: 407-425-1921

E-mail: rkorchak@enterprise.state.fl.us

Mission: To increase the profitability, productivity and competitiveness of Florida's manufacturers, and to accelerate their profitable growth.

Services: Include providing formal, quantitative, unbiased and confidential assessments of your business and clear definitions of opportunities for improvement, implementation of Lean Manufacturing, ISO 9000, Strategic Services, etc.

Fees: Vary

Florida National Minority Supplier Development Council of Florida, Inc.

6880 Lake Ellenor Drive, Suite 104 A

Orlando, Florida 32809

Contact Person: Malik Ali, Executive Director

Phone: 407-245-6062

Fax: 407-857-8647

Email: malik@fmsdc.org

Web Site: www.fmsdc.org

Mission: To encourage mutually beneficial economic links between all sectors within the Florida business community by actively promoting and supporting minority business development.

Services: MBE certification, referrals, trade fairs, networking opportunities, website, database, referrals, financing, seminars.

Requirements: Business

Fees: Minority Business - \$100, Corporations/ Government Agencies range from \$750 to \$3000.

Goldenrod Area Chamber of Commerce

P. O. Box 61

Goldenrod, FL 32733

Contact Person: Darlene Dangel, Executive Director

Phone: 407-677-5980

Fax: 407-677-4928

Email: director@goldenrodchamber.com

Web Site: www.goldenrodchamber.com

Mission: Promote the Goldenrod businesses and area.

Services: Networking, community involvement, and educational programs.

Requirements: Business in Goldenrod Area

Fees: Membership Dues

Hispanic Business Initiative Fund

315 E. Robinson Street, Suite 190

Orlando, FL 32801

Phone: 407-428-5872

Fax: 407-428-5873

Web Site: <http://www.hbiforl.org>

Mission: Strengthens the economy of Central Florida through quality technical assistance and training to Hispanic owned businesses.

Services: Legal business planning, marketing, certification, financial business planning, bid review and evaluation, alternative finance options, business library, bid opportunities and matchmaking, SBA Loan preparations, bilingual business seminars, and many other business oriented services.

Requirements: Fifty-one percent Hispanic owned and operated

Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Metro Orlando

315 E. Robinson Street

Orlando, FL 32801

Contact Person: Ada Rodriguez, Marketing & Operations Director

Phone: 407-428-5870

Fax: 407-428-5871

Email: info@hispanicchamber.net

Web Site: www.hispanicchamber.net

Mission: Promote the interest of the Hispanic businesses of Central Florida and to ensure their participation in the vigorous growth and economic development of the community.

Services: Networking opportunities, after hours, resume bank, annual expo, and promote business in the Orlando community.

Fees: Membership Dues

National Association of Women Business Owners

P. O. Box 536893

Orlando, FL 32803-6893

Phone: 407-246-4646

Web Site: www.nawboorlando.org

Mission: Offers assistance and education for women-owned businesses, including peer support, certification and management assistance.

Office of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico

400 S. Orange Avenue

City Hall – 9th Floor

Orlando, FL 32801

Phone: 407-423-4422

Fax: 407-423-0330

Web Site: www.prfaa.com

Mission: Promote and liaison for business between Puerto Rico and Florida

Services: Trade missions, develop business relations between companies in Puerto Rico and Florida. Orientation and information on opening businesses. Facilitate the procedure of the establishment of business activities in Puerto Rico and Florida with the appropriate governmental agencies. Interact with the different Chambers of Commerce in Puerto Rico in Florida.

Orange County Business Development Division

400 East South Street – 2nd floor

P.O. Box 1393

Orlando, FL 32802-1393

Contact Person: Sheena Ferguson, Acting Division Manager

Phone: 407-836-7317

Fax: 407-836-9477

Web Site: www.onetgov.net

Mission: Putting citizens first through community partnerships and a commitment to quality.

Services: Help Orange County – certified M/WBE's get funds to help with capital for county-awarded projects.

Requirements: Determined by bank loan guidelines. Must be certified with Orange County, no reciprocity, must already be awarded an Orange County contract.

**Orange County Public Schools'
Office of Business Opportunity**

6501 Magic Way, Bldg. 100A
Orlando, Florida 32809

Phone: (407) 317-3739

Fax: (407) 317-3784

Website: www.obo.ocps.net

Mission: To support the district's goal of sustained community engagement by ensuring that funds used to support educational excellence are spent locally with small and diverse businesses; thereby, supporting the economic vitality of the community.

Services:

- Identify MWBEs and LDBs who can provide products and services to the district
- Share information with potential vendors about the district's procurement opportunities
- Meet with vendors to discuss procurement requirements
- Facilitate mentoring relationships between MWBE or LDB firms and larger companies
- Provide technical assistance to MWBEs and LDBs that are awarded contracts

Requirements: Accepts certified MWBE with State of Florida, City of Orlando, Orange County and The Greater Orlando Aviation Authority (GOAA); OCPS certifies Local Developing Business (LDB) and accepts GOAA's

Orlando/Orange County Convention & Visitors Bureau

6700 Forum Drive #100
Orlando, Florida 32821

Phone: 407-363-5800

Fax: 407-370-5006

Services: The Orlando/Orange County Convention & Visitors Bureau, Inc. (Orlando CVB) is the official tourism sales and marketing organization for the Orlando and Orange County region. We are proud to work with a variety of business partners and industries, including the travel trade, meeting planners and the media.

Orlando Regional Chamber of Commerce

75 South Ivanhoe Blvd
Orlando, FL 32804

Contact Person: Jacob Stuart, President
Dana Barrett Smith, Executive Director

Phone: 407-425-1234

Fax: 407-839-5020

Web Site: <http://www.orlando.org/>

Mission: The Small Business Chamber works to inform, advise, support, champion and promote a successful business environment for a healthy community for our residents and our visitors.

Services: Access to market research surveys, information resources, networking opportunities, events, guest speakers, seminars, and business classes.

Fees: Membership dues/Admission to programs (cost varies)

Incubator Facilities: Book Store/ Resource Center

**Seminole County / Lake Mary Region
Chamber of Commerce**

725 Primera Boulevard, Suite 100-105
Lake Mary, FL 32746

Contact Person: Diane Parker, President

Phone: 407-333-4748

Fax: 407-829-2100

Web Site: www.seminolebusiness.org

Email: info@seminolebusiness.org

Mission: Liaison between business, government, and the community providing member services and promoting economic development.

Services: Seminars, networking, ribbon cuttings, major events, committees, small business recognition.

Requirement: Membership

Fees: Membership dues

**Service Corporation of Retired Executives, SCORE
Disney/ SBA Entrepreneurial Center**

315 E. Robinson Street, Suite 100
Landmark Center One Building
Orlando, FL 32801

Phone: 407-420-4843,4844

Fax: 407-420-4849

Web Site: www.scoreorlando.org

Email: score@floridanec.org

Mission: To assist people going into small businesses; offers low cost seminars, counseling, turnarounds, tune-us and troubleshooting expertise to small businesses. Free one-on-one counseling sessions are available Monday thru Friday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm (reservations required)

Services: Seminars and Counseling

Fees: \$30.00 Pre-Business Seminar and \$30.00 Business Plan Seminar – Free Counseling

Small Business Administration

315 E. Robinson Street, Suite 100
Landmark Center One Building
Orlando, FL 32801

Phone: 407-648-2891

Services: The mission of the Small Business Administration is "to maintain and strengthen the nation's economy by enabling the establishment and viability of small businesses and by assisting in the economic recovery of communities after disasters."

The SBA makes loans directly to businesses and acts as a guarantor on bank loans. In some circumstances it also makes loans to victims of natural disasters, works to get government procurement contracts for small businesses, and assists businesses with management, technical and training issues.

Small Business Development Center at the University of Central Florida

College of Business Administration

315 E Robinson Street, Suite 100

Orlando, FL 32801

Phone: 407-420-4850

Fax: 407-420-4862

Web Site: www.bus.ucf.edu/sbdc

Mission: The SBDC provides services to small business owners in a nine county area across Central Florida. Our goal is to help business owners in starting and growing their business through access to low or no-cost counseling and workshops.

Services: Workshops and seminars, free counseling, Energy Conservation Assistance Program

Requirements: None

Fees: Vary

Incubator Facilities: Affiliated with the Central Florida Business & Technology Development Center

Small Business Institute at the University of Central Florida

College of Business Administration

4000 Central Florida Blvd

Orlando, Florida 32816-1400

Contact Person: Dr. Ron Rubin, Director

Phone: 407-823-2682

Fax: 407-823-3891

Email: rubin@pegasus.cc.ucf.edu

Mission: Assist small business in Central Florida

Services: Provides businesses with custom tailored management assistance to ensure the survival of their organizations.

Requirements: Must meet qualifications

Southern Technology Applications Center

Central Florida Research Park

12424 Research Parkway

Orlando, FL 32826

Phone: 407-384-2059

Fax: 407-823-5483

Mission: STAC helps companies solve difficult technology-related problems. STAC is headquartered at the University of Florida, and is part of a national network to technology transfer resources and expertise. STAC is supported by the State University System and NASA.

Services: STAC has information specialists working with clients to design a search strategy that will yield the most relevant information quickly and economically.

Requirements: Anyone that needs information on patents, trademarks, demographics, etc.

Fees: STAC does customized work to suit the client's particular needs.

Incubator Facilities: STAC/UCF is located in the Research Pavilion, Room 430

Technology Innovation Center – Valencia Community College

8503 Daetwyler Drive

Orlando, FL 32827

Phone: 407-855-9989, Ext. 202

Fax: 407-855-9572

Mission: To provide innovative productivity, management, entrepreneurial and career development programs through business linkages and public/ private partnerships.

Services: Workshops, seminars, and other educational programs.

Requirements: None

Fees: Varies

Incubator Facilities: None available

The Greater Orlando Aviation Authority’s Local Developing Business (LDB) Designated Mobilization Program

1 Airport Blvd

Orlando, FL 32827

Contact Person: Michelle Holmes

Phone: 407-825-7133

Fax: 407-825-3004

Web Site: www.orlandoairports.net/goaa/small_business/

Email: mholmes@goaa.org

Mission: To provide small businesses with working capital.

Services: Upon award of a construction, professional services or procurement contract with GOAA, and LDB may be eligible for an advance of up to 10% of its contract award to use as collateral with certain participating banks.

Requirements: Applicant must be certified as an LDB by GOAA.

The Greater Oviedo Chamber of Commerce

200 W. Broadway Street

P. O. Box 621236

Oviedo, FL 32762-1236

Phone: 407-365-6500

Fax: 407-365-6587

Mission: The purpose of the Greater Oviedo Chamber of Commerce is to promote and advance the interests of the business community in a manner, which fosters economic prosperity, encourages business growth and expansion and serves the civic interests of the greater Oviedo area.

Services: Relocation information business referrals, visitor information.

Fees: Membership dues

The Small Business Administration (North Florida)

7825 Baymeadows Way, Suite 100B

Jacksonville, FL 32256-7504

Phone: 850-443-1900

E-mail: <http://www.sba.gov/>

Services: Issues several types of management, technical and marketing publications to assist established or prospective business. Topics include: accounting, financial management, personnel management, purchasing, advertising, market research, competitive strategy, and business plan development.

The Small Business Administration (South Florida)

1320 South Dixie Highway, Suite 301

Coral Gables, FL 33146

Phone: 305-536-5521

Services: Issues several types of management, technical, and marketing publications to assist established or prospective business. Topics include: accounting, financial management, personnel management, purchasing, advertising, market research, competitive strategy, and business plan development.

Walt Disney Minority/Women Business Pilot Loan Program

SunTrust Bank Central Florida, N.A.

P. O. Box 3833

299 S. Orange Avenue

Orlando, FL 32801

Phone: 407-237-4322

Fax: 407-237-5042

Services: Walt Disney World Company offers guarantees to qualified applicants of up to 75% of loan amount.

Requirements: Certified M/WBE, 2 years in business

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