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Small Business Administration



U.S. Small Business Administration

One of the Small Business Development Center's main partners is the Small Business Administration (SBA). Founded in 1953, the SBA is the only cabinet-level agency completely dedicated to assisting entrepreneurs in pursuing the American dream of business ownership and success. The Buffalo Regional SBA Office serves 14 counties in upstate New York and the western part of the Southern Tier. The Rochester branch provides services to the Rochester industrial area, as well as the six adjacent counties comprising the Genesee Valley-Finger Lakes Region.

The SBA partners with the Small Business Development Center at SUNY Buffalo State College to offer business consulting, assistance with business plans, and training events. Free mentoring is also available through the Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE), which matches clients with successful business owners in an aspiring entrepreneur's field of interest. The SBA also provides financial assistance for new or existing businesses through guaranteed loans made by area bank and non-bank lenders. In addition, they also offer assistance for businesses owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals, as well as advisement programs for women-owned businesses and veteran-owned businesses.

To learn more about how the SBA may be able to assist you with your business, visit their website, [SBA.gov](https://www.sba.gov), or call the Small Business Development Center office at 716 878 4030.

