



## Central Regions

### The Illinois Entrepreneurship Network

The Illinois Entrepreneurship Network (IEN) provides entrepreneurs with coordinated access to small business consulting, entrepreneurship training and development services as well as other tools they need to help make their ventures successful. Anchored by the new Entrepreneurship Centers, the IEN builds on the existing infrastructure of the Small Business Development Centers, Procurement Technical Assistance Centers, the Illinois Technology Enterprise Center and the Manufacturing Extension Centers.

### Entrepreneurship Centers

Among the many specialized resources the Entrepreneurship Centers offer are a financial award program to assist entrepreneurs or small businesses with obtaining professional services for comprehensive business plan assistance, evaluation of a proposed start up or expansion or other accelerated support purposes. Award funding is determined based on the potential for successful achievement of a significant business milestone for client firms. Maximum funding per award is up to \$5,000 of eligible project costs. Applicants are required to provide a cash match of 100% of the award amount.

### Illinois Small Business Development Centers

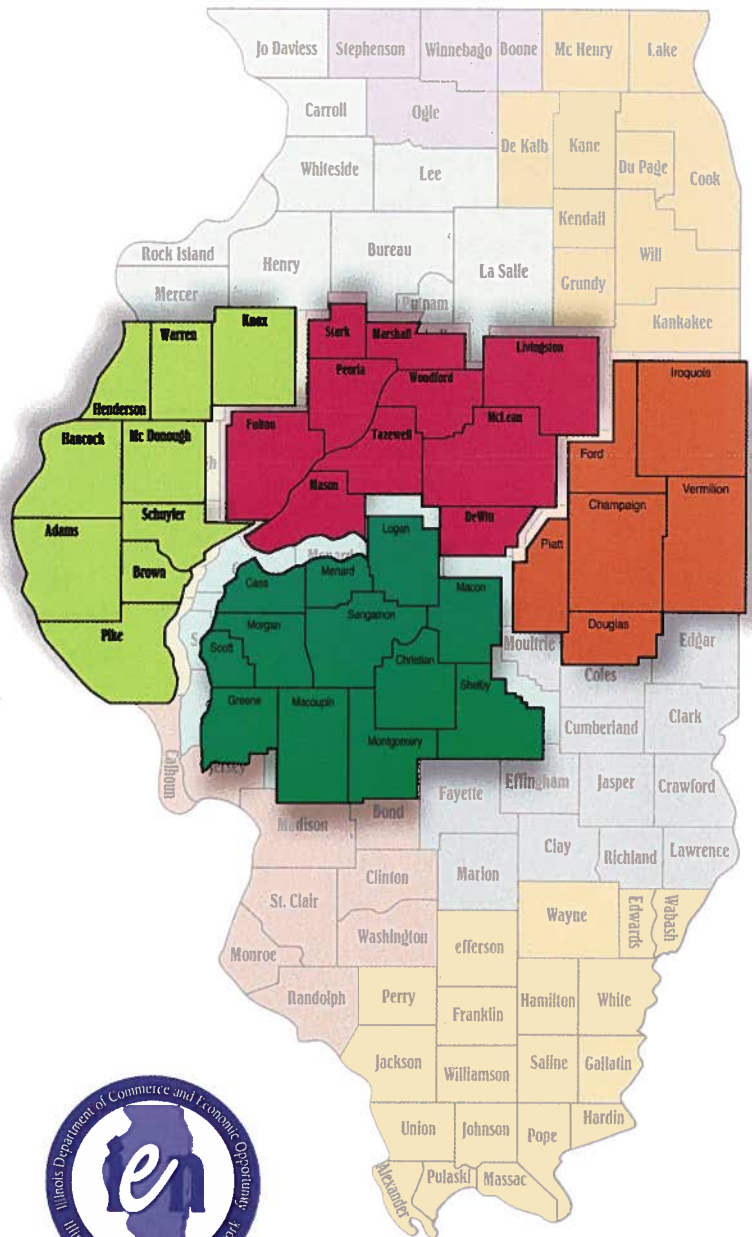
The Illinois SBDCs provide prospective and existing business owners with a variety of business services. Through these centers, clients have access to services that include: business planning and management, marketing, financial counseling and training resources. Specialized SBDC International Trade Centers provide existing business owners with access to professional advice and resources to help them enter the global marketplace.

### Illinois Procurement Technical Assistance Centers

These specialized centers assist existing business owners in selling their products and/or services to federal, state and local government agencies. Additional services include assistance with bidder applications, government standards and specifications, quality assurance guidelines and bid requirement information.

### Small Business Environmental Assistance Program

The SBEAP provides free confidential assistance to small businesses to help them understand their environmental obligations. Located in the non-regulatory agency, services include a toll-free helpline (800/252-3998), compliance assistance workshops and a free quarterly newsletter.



### Manufacturing Extension Centers

These centers provide manufacturers with specialized services and resources to help enhance their competitiveness, improve their efficiency and grow their business.

For information on all of DCEO's programs, please visit us on the Web:  
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