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### **Access Business Development and Finance**

[www.accessbdf.com](http://www.accessbdf.com)

Access Business Development and Finance, Inc. provides financing and technical resources for small businesses in the following areas: SBA 504 Loans; financial brokerage and placement of conventional loans; and management consulting. A new company formed in 2008, Access BDF is a merger of two highly successful and well respected Certified Development Companies (in Butler and Warren counties).

### **BizTech**

[www.biztechcenter.com](http://www.biztechcenter.com)

Butler County's one-stop business incubator with programs designed to accelerate the successful development of entrepreneurial companies through an array of business support resources and services. BizTech is dedicated to startups and early-stage companies and offers hallmark business assistance free of charge.

### **Ohio Department of Development**

[www.development.ohio.gov](http://www.development.ohio.gov)

The Ohio Department of Development works to attract, create, grow, and retain businesses through competitive incentives and meaningful, targeted investments.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Stop Business Connection**

<http://www.development.ohio.gov/edd/1ststop/onestop/index.cfm>

A program sponsored by the Ohio Department of Development's Small Business Development Centers and the U.S. Small Business Administration, 1<sup>st</sup> Stop Business Connection provides FREE state-level information needed to get started or continue on your entrepreneurial journey.

#### **Small Business Development Centers of Ohio (SBDC)**

<http://www.development.ohio.gov/entrepreneurship/sbdc.htm>

The SBDC has multiple centers throughout southwest Ohio provide free, confidential, in-depth business consulting to pre-venture, start-up and existing small businesses throughout the state. Ohio's more than 30 SBDC's also serve as a clearinghouse of federal, state and local regulation information affecting small businesses.

### **GrowNOW**

[www.grownow.ohio.gov](http://www.grownow.ohio.gov)

Sponsored by the Ohio Treasurer of State, GrowNOW – in partnership with eligible Ohio banks – offers small business owners a three percent interest rate reduction when they link their loans to a job growth or retention effort in Ohio.

**U.S. Small Business Administration**

[www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov)

The SBA is the government's source of information on small business. The SBA's mission is to maintain and strengthen the nation's economy by aiding, counseling, assisting and protecting the interest of small businesses and by helping families and businesses recover from national disasters. Visit the site to learn more about SBA-backed loans, government contracting opportunities, disaster assistance and training programs to help your business succeed.

**Business.gov**

[www.busienss.gov](http://www.busienss.gov)

The official resource to help businesses quickly locate compliance information, forms and contacts from multiple U.S. government web sites.

**SCORE**

[www.score.org](http://www.score.org)

SCORE "Counselors to America's Small Business is a non-profit association dedicated to educating entrepreneurs and the formation, growth and success of small business nationwide. SCORE is a resource partner with the U.S. Small Business Administration. SCORE offers free and confidential advice to small businesses.