



The **Maryland Department of Commerce**, the state's primary economic development agency, is committed to providing outstanding customer service to Maryland's businesses and creating a business-friendly environment to strengthen our economy.

Key Programs & Services

- **Building and site location assistance**
- **Finance programs, tax credits and training grants**
- **Business advocacy and consulting**
- **Technology transfer**
- **Foreign direct investment promotion**
- **Export consulting and marketing**
- **Tradeshow and conference partnership**

Business and Industry Sector Development

provides business assistance, retention and attraction services. In addition to seasoned business development teams, Maryland Commerce includes expertise in cyber development, aerospace, biohealth and life sciences, advanced manufacturing, financial and professional services, agribusiness and energy, and entrepreneurship.

Business Development Resources

Local and regional field staff provide personalized attention to the small business owner with the necessary tools to start and grow a business. Representatives also assist companies of all sizes seeking to expand their markets, their workforce or physical space within the state.

Business experts can help you:

- Navigate local, state and federal government regulations, processes and resources.
- Understand permit and license requirements.
- Identify customer/supplier connections.



Innovation



Infrastructure



Commercialization



Partnerships



Attraction

Finance Programs

Finance provides financial, counseling and technical assistance to businesses. Whether investing in Maryland as a business owner, a lending institution or an economic development partner, Maryland Commerce offers a variety of finance and incentive programs. Team experts help determine eligibility, provide information on tax incentives and additional statewide resources.

Military and Federal Affairs advocates for the state's 60 federal facilities and more than 20 military facilities to sustain and grow the military and federal mission in Maryland. The team also connects Maryland businesses to opportunities at these facilities.

International Investment and Trade represents Maryland Commerce across the globe encouraging foreign direct investment in the state. The International team also works with Maryland businesses to facilitate the export of products to global markets and initiate or expand overseas marketing.

Marketing and Communications markets the state's competitive business advantages, assets and quality of life. The Division also communicates the state's resources for businesses and manages advertising and promotional programs to attract new businesses.

Tourism, Film and the Arts promotes Maryland as a highly desirable travel destination for domestic and international tourists and as a prime location for meetings and conventions. The Division works to strengthen the arts, promote the state's attractions, accommodations and events and markets the state as an excellent location for feature film, television and commercial production.



To learn more about the programs and resources available for businesses, visit commerce.maryland.gov.

To learn more about Maryland tourism, visitmaryland.org.

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