

SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCES - CONNECTICUT

States offer contracting opportunity programs, like the U.S. federal government, in which certification is also required.

State of Connecticut Supplier Diversity Certification Program

The ***Supplier Diversity Program*** of Connecticut certifies small businesses and minority businesses. Certification allows businesses to increase revenue and locate potential new customers through set-asides and inclusion in an online directory used by state and private industry to identify vendors. To be eligible for this free certification, businesses must be CT-based, independently run, and registered as small with the Federal System for Award Management (SAM). For more information about Connecticut's program, visit their website: <https://portal.ct.gov/das/procurement/supplier-diversity/sbe-mbe-program-certification-application-small-or-minority-business-enterprise>.

Connecticut Small Business Development Center

The ***Connecticut Small Business Development Center (SBDC)*** is staffed by trained and experienced full-time advisors who work with a variety of small businesses in all industries and stages of development by providing no-cost advisory services. The SBDC provides: 1) comprehensive business assistance; 2) exclusive market research reports and management tools; 3) connection to public and private resources and support; and 4) online no-cost business training courses. For more information about SBDC, visit their website here: <https://ctsbdc.uconn.edu/>.

The MERO provides information about select small business resources that is intended to be accurate but general information. These resources are not exhaustive and better resources may exist for the needs of a particular business. Each business is encouraged to conduct their own research and analysis.

For additional information, please contact the organizations directly.

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