

SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCES - RHODE ISLAND

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

State of Rhode Island Minority Business Enterprise & Women Business Enterprise Program

The state of Rhode Island's ***Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) & Women Business Enterprise (WBE) Program*** certifies businesses as minority or women owned which enhances its ability to do business in public markets. If an agency has purchasing goals, certification increases the business' chances of receiving a contract. For more information about Rhode Island's program, visit their website here:

<https://dedi.ri.gov/divisions-units/minority-business-enterprise-compliance-office/minority-business-enterprise-mbe-0>.

Rhode Island Small Business Development Center

The ***Rhode Island Small Business Development Center (RISBDC)*** provides small business owners with the services and expertise they need to succeed: no cost expert counseling, relevant training, and access to important resources. For more information about RISBDC, visit their website here:

<https://web.uri.edu/risbdc/>.

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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