

# PENNSYLVANIA BUSINESS ONE-STOP SHOP

## BUSINESS RESOURCES FOR VETERANS



The Pennsylvania Business One-Stop Shop is excited to support our veteran entrepreneurs and veteran-owned businesses. The Business One-Stop Shop's experts provide customized assistance to aspiring entrepreneurs and existing small businesses in Pennsylvania. Committed to making it as easy as possible to get fast, efficient assistance, the Business One-Stop Shop unlocks the door to successful business startups, growth, and expansion.

### VETERAN-OWNED BUSINESSES IN PENNSYLVANIA

Pennsylvania's veterans offer tremendous contributions to our communities and country. In 2017, Pennsylvania ranked fifth in the U.S. for the total number of veteran-owned firms (97,969) and veteran-owned firm sales (\$50.3 billion).

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### HOW CAN WE HELP?

#### ✓ TECHNICAL

Access small business resources  
Connect with our regional partners

#### ✓ REGISTRATION

Business name or structure  
Federal EIN  
As an employer in PA  
Sales Tax ID  
Special licenses

#### ✓ FUNDING

DCED programs  
Local resources  
Additional options

#### ✓ DIVERSE BUSINESS

Self-certify: woman, minority, veteran, disabled, & LGBT  
Special DCED financing programs

### YOUR ROADMAP TO BUSINESS CREATION

The Entrepreneur's Guide is a free publication that guides a small business owner through the process of starting and growing a business in Pennsylvania. The publication includes expert information about building a business plan, registration, funding advice, and more.

[dced.pa.gov/eguide](http://dced.pa.gov/eguide)

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

### PARTNERS

#### Partnerships for Regional Economic Performance (PREP)

[dced.pa.gov/PREP](http://dced.pa.gov/PREP)

The PREP network consists of hundreds of trained and experienced experts who offer assistance and resources. PREP's one-on-one counseling, specialized workshops, online training and financial incentives make it one of the most coordinated and respected business networks in the nation.

#### Pennsylvania Small Business Development Centers (SBDC)

[pasbdc.org](http://pasbdc.org)

The only statewide, nationally accredited program that provides high-quality one-on-one consulting, training, and information resources to empower new and existing businesses, offers resources for veterans, including financing.

### STATE GOVERNMENT

#### PA Department of State's Veteran's Business Fee Exemption

[dos.pa.gov](http://dos.pa.gov)

Veterans and reservists starting a small business in the commonwealth are exempt from the payment of certain fees, effective January 2, 2017.

#### PA Department of Labor & Industry's Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) Services

[dli.pa.gov/individuals/disability-services/ovr](http://dli.pa.gov/individuals/disability-services/ovr)

Though most of their services include helping veterans find employment and communicate with potential employers about hiring incentives, OVR counselors also can help veterans develop a self-employment plan to start a business.

#### PA Department of General Services' Bureau of Diversity, Inclusion & Small Business Opportunities (BDISBO)

[dgs.pa.gov](http://dgs.pa.gov)

BDISBO is responsible for assisting small diverse businesses interested in competing for Pennsylvania's contracting opportunities. To learn more or become a verified, self-certified small diverse business, please visit the BDISBO webpage at [dgs.pa.gov](http://dgs.pa.gov) or call the Bureau at 717.783.3119.

#### Small Diverse Business Capital Access Program (SDBCA)

[dced.pa.gov/sdbca](http://dced.pa.gov/sdbca)

SDBCA is administered by the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority (PIDA) and provides low-interest loans to assist small-diverse businesses that commit to and retain full-time jobs with Pennsylvania.

### FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

#### Federal Veterans Administration (VA)

##### Vocational Education and Training PA Offices

VA's Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment services are designed to help disabled veterans with job training, employment accommodations, resume development, and job-seeking skills coaching, in addition to other services.

Learn more about the VA's Education and Career Counseling program by contacting its Pennsylvania representatives:

Philadelphia: Mindy Lubeck,  
EC/VRC, 215.842.2000 x4115

Pittsburgh: Frank Ticich,  
EC, 412.395.6072

To learn more about additional veterans benefits and services in Pennsylvania, visit the **PA Department of Veterans Affairs at [dmva.pa.gov](http://dmva.pa.gov)**.