Minority Business Assistance Centers

The Ohio Development Services Agency (DSA) partners with community-based non-profit organizations to host regional Minority Business Assistance Centers (MBAC). The centers serve the needs of Ohio’s small, minority, and socially and economically disadvantaged businesses. The centers provide important services including technical assistance, professional consulting, access to capital and assistance obtaining contract opportunities. A primary objective of the program is to identify emerging businesses and cultivate their growth and sustainability. The realization of this objective will strengthen the minority business community, support job creation and further economic growth in Ohio.

Professional MBAC staff work with owners of existing businesses, certified Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs), certified Encouraging Diversity Growth and Equity (EDGE) and socially and economically disadvantaged businesses. MBEs are defined as businesses that are at least 51 percent or more owned and controlled by one of the following groups: African American, Hispanic, Native American or Asian American. EDGE certified businesses are defined as enterprises that are owned by economically and socially disadvantaged entrepreneurs.

The MBACs provide MBE and EDGE entrepreneurs with management, technical, financial and contract procurement assistance in addition to loan and bond packaging services. These services are available at no cost to businesses located throughout Ohio.

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  Southeast Community Center
  Minority Business Association Center
  1400 Sherrick Road
  Canton, Ohio 44707
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- Hamilton County
  The Greater Cincinnati African American Chamber of Commerce
  2945 Gilbert Avenue
  Cincinnati, Ohio 45206
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- Pike County
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  1864 Shyville Road
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