

## **NORTH TEXAS SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

### **Serving Small Businesses**

**At the Bill J. Priest Campus,** we understand small businesses. Our staff will listen to you and help you put your business on the road to success.

#### **Start a Business**

Are you thinking about starting a business? Or do you want to find out what it takes to start a business? You've come to the right place! Thousands of people come to us every year for training and counseling to get started in business.

#### **Grow Your Business**

We assist prospective and current business owners in Dallas County with all aspects of business management. In addition to training, we provide free, one-on-one counseling.

#### **Obtain Financing**

Whether you need financing for start-up or expansion, our small business experts will help you explore your options.

#### **Lease Office Space**

Since 1990, small companies have been operating in our Business Incubation Center leasing office space and receiving business services for up to four years. Service include free parking garage space, a business library, conference rooms, facsimile, copiers, daily office cleaning, postage meter, 24-hour security and access to business consultants.

#### **Get started in Government Contracting**

Whether it's helping you identify new government markets or assisting you with preparing bid documents, the expert technical assistance we provide eliminates red tape and helps you overcome the challenges you face as a business owner.

#### **Start Trading Internationally**

We assist small businesses interested in importing and exporting their products and services. The low-cost training seminars and free, one-on-one counseling provide a "how to" approach to all aspects of international trade. In addition to these services, our ACT Center offers on-line Cultural Diversity and Global Business Perspectives courses designed for international business travelers, managers, directors, project managers, project team managers, and other personal conducting business with other cultures.

#### **Get a patent, copyright or trademark**

We assist clients with intellectual property strategies, including conducting database, searches or registered and pending trademarks. Our counselors will explain the application process, the protection offered, and fees involved.

#### **Learn how to effectively manage a business risk**

Keeping track of complex management issues, permits and regulations is time consuming and sometimes overwhelming. The easy-to-use materials and unbiased technical assistance help small business owners make good decisions. In addition to these services, Our ACT Center offers the Industrial Technology and safety Skills courses.

#### **Develop effective Internet marketing strategies**

We offer workshops that help small business owners learn how to market their products and services on the internet.

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