

STATE OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS AFFAIRS

The Office of Small Business Affairs(SBA) provides rapid response to business owners whose growth and success could benefit from assistance from the state and its partners. Whether you are developing your business in Connecticut or considering relocating it here, SBA staff can quickly refer you to a solution for financing, training, technical assistance and other important resources.



SBA Can:

- Provide a single contact point for small businesses seeking financial and technical assistance from state and quasi-public agencies.
- Coordinate all state small business revolving loan funds.
- Coordinate efforts involving multiple state and federal departments and agencies.
- Provide technical assistance through DECD and its partners.

Call SBA at 860-270-8105 or visit www.ct.gov/ecd

Keep in Touch

One of the best ways to stay up-to-date is by signing up for my e-blasts. Sign up online at www.housedems.ct.gov/Ritter

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RESOURCES TO SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESSES

Dear Neighbor,

I am excited to share some news about resources that will benefit our local small businesses.

When small businesses thrive, our economy grows. Thanks to small businesses, our unemployment rate is at an 8-year low and, according to *Bloomberg*, we are the 5th most innovative state in the country.

I am proud of the work the legislature has done in support of small businesses and I am looking forward to building upon that work in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

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Gordon Scott and Matt talk business during a visit to Scott's Jamaican Bakery.

FINDING TALENTED WORKERS

- Find the tech talent your business needs through the CT Tech Talent Bridge Internship Program. CTNext.com
- Connecticut has many workforce talent training programs to assist your business find talent. CT.gov/ecd

EXPERT ADVICE

- The CT Center for Advanced Technology offers free experts, advanced manufacturing equipment and technical assistance. www.ccat.us/programs
- Connecticut has launched a new small business hotline to help answer any questions you have about registration or resources needed to start your business. 860-392-2122
- The New Business Start-Up Toolkit: Visit www.concord-sots.ct.gov to learn more.

REGISTERING YOUR BUSINESS

Need help navigating the state's licensing and registration process? Contact Beth Wallace at the CT Economic Resource Center: 860-571-6207.

RESOURCES FOR MINORITY-, WOMAN-, AND VETERAN-OWNED BUSINESSES

Connecticut recently launched a new Minority Business Initiative with Designated Funding for Minority Business Loans through the Minority Business Revolving Loan Fund. To learn more, visit: www.ct.gov/mbi or contact the CT Minority Business Initiative Program Manager at 860-270-8139.

The U.S. Small Business Administration's Office of Women's Business Ownership funds Women Business Centers in CT with many helpful resources for female entrepreneurs. Visit the Women's Business Center at the University of Hartford at: www.hartford.edu/ec/wbc.

In addition, the Small Business Development Center provides low cost advising and training for minority and women owned businesses. To learn more, visit: <http://ctsdbc.com>

Veterans can reach out to the CT Veteran Owned Micro Business Certification at the Department of Veterans Affairs at 860-616-3606.



Matt recently spoke at the announcement of the Hartford Whaler commemorative license plates which benefits Connecticut Children's Medical Center Infusion and Dialysis Center. CCMC will receive \$45 for each plate issued.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR BUSINESSES

- **Entrepreneur Learner's Permit Program:** This program allows first time businesses in certain fields to be eligible for up to \$1,500 in reimbursements for startup costs. CTNext.com
- **Small Business Innovation Research:** Connecticut Innovations offers free technical consultations to help you improve your chances of winning a federal grant. CTNext.com/sbir
- **Small Business Express:** Loans are available to help you expand your business and create jobs. CT.gov/ecd or 860-270-8105.
- **Angel Investor Tax Credit Program:** Apply for an angel investment to help you grow your business. CTinnovations.com or 860-563-5851.
- **Growth Company Grants:** Grants for sales, marketing, technology assistance and more. CTnext.com/growthcompany-grants
- **CT Manufacturing Innovation Fund:** This offers loans and grants to manufacturers. 860-270-8234.
- Other finance incentives and loan options are outlined on DECD's website: www.ct.gov/ecd



Matt stopped by Moe's Midtown recently.