

## Continuous Business Resources

### Polaris MEP

- Help manufacturers with topline, bottom line & pipeline
- Connect to local & national solutions
- Non-profit Partner
- Contact: [info@polarismep.org](mailto:info@polarismep.org)

### Rhode Island Commerce

- Concierge service to help you identify priorities, locate resources & services, & create a productive timeline for implementing your business goals.
- Financing programs for businesses in all phases of development.
- Resources for R & D, including Innovation Voucher grants up to \$50,000.
- Contact: [christopher.cannata@commerceri.com](mailto:christopher.cannata@commerceri.com)

### Rhode Island Tax Division

- Help taxpayers understand & meet their tax responsibilities
- Improve taxpayer interaction
- Provide educational resources to aid in voluntary compliance with Rhode Island tax laws.
- Contact: [taxpayer.experience@tax.ri.gov](mailto:taxpayer.experience@tax.ri.gov)

### Additional Business Resources

- Rhode Island Small Business Development Center
- Small Business Association
- SCORE
- Rhode Island Black Business Association
- RIHUB
- RI Department of Labor & Training
- Rhode Island Manufacturing Association
- NEMC
- RISCPA
- Sea-Ahead & many more!

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# Rhode to Success

Business Edition

A clear & tangible roadmap of how to **start, grow, and sustain your business** through all phases of growth by participating in Rhode Island programs.



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# Rhode Map Stages

## Business Support Programs

### 1. Ideation

#### Department of State | Business Division

- Step-by-step "how-to" register your business/non-profit with the state
- State licensing, annual filing obligations, and free business/non-profit development resources
- FREE one-on-one virtual appointments, workshop & organizational tools
- Contact: [corporations@sos.ri.gov](mailto:corporations@sos.ri.gov)

#### Innovation Studio

- Empowering and inclusive network of free community spaces and result-oriented programs
- English & Spanish offerings
- Offers free business support through Biz Bodega
- Contact: [bizbodega@innovationstudio.org](mailto:bizbodega@innovationstudio.org)

This tool is meant to be a starting point for Rhode Island entrepreneurs. It does not contain every business support organization available within the state.

### 2. Startup

#### EforAll

- Free, one-year business accelerator program
- Dedicated group of mentors
- English and Spanish offerings
- Contact: [rhode-island@eforall.org](mailto:rhode-island@eforall.org)

#### Social Enterprise Greenhouse (social enterprises)

- Serves entrepreneurs that address a societal challenge directly or are incorporating greater societal impact into their work
- Programs run twice a year, 8-16 weeks, to meet entrepreneurs at the earliest stages of their business cycle.
- No-cost English & Spanish offerings
- Contact: [info@segreenhouse.org](mailto:info@segreenhouse.org)

#### Hope & Main (food businesses)

- Rhode Island's premier culinary incubator, among top ten in the country.
- Provides shared-use infrastructure, technical and business assistance, access to markets, & connections to capital.
- Empower entrepreneurs to jumpstart and cultivate thriving food businesses
- Contact: [info@makefoodyourbusiness.org](mailto:info@makefoodyourbusiness.org)

#### DesignxRI (design businesses)

- Builds & supports the local design community through programs & events
- Provides training & grants for designers & design based businesses
- Offers networking events for local designers & creatives
- Contact: [info@designxri.com](mailto:info@designxri.com)

#### Center for Women & Enterprise

##### (women-owned businesses)

- Free or pay what you can workshops & business development programs
- 3 FREE sessions of one-on-one consulting with industry experts
- Networking events involving women from all parts of Rhode Island
- Contact: [info.rhodeisland@cweonline.org](mailto:info.rhodeisland@cweonline.org)

### 3. Growth

#### Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses Rhode Island

- No-cost, 12-week education program
- Personal business advisor & supportive peer network
- Best in class curriculum & develop a 5-year growth plan
- Contact: [10ksb@ccri.edu](mailto:10ksb@ccri.edu)