

Oshkosh

ORIGIN

The Oshkosh Regional Innovation and Growth Incubator Network (ORIGIN) is a network of entrepreneurship experts and services that connects you to the right resource when you need them most. ORIGIN partners provide one-on-one counseling and assistance with business planning, marketing, financing, management, labor training, demographic information, market research, site location, regulations, and much more. www.originoshkosh.com

ADVOCAP, Inc.

2929 Harrison Street, Oshkosh, WI 54901,
(920) 426-0150, www.advocap.org

ADVOCAP helps persons with low incomes gain self-sufficiency through self-employment. Services include business plan development; marketing plan development and implementation; small business administration micro-loan application assistance; locating other financial resources; managerial evaluation; referral services; loan preparation; employee recruitment assistance; and completing applications required by various state and federal agencies for identification numbers, sellers' permits and various tax forms. ADVOCAP also administers a Business Development Loan Fund and is designated as a lender by the US Small Business Administration for the Micro Loan Program. The Refugee Microenterprise Program receives state and federal funding through WISCAP.

Chamco - Oshkosh Industrial Development Corporation

120 Jackson Street, Oshkosh, WI 54901,
(920) 232-9786, www.chamco.org

Chamco assists industry in site selection and development, incentive programs, financial and legal assistance, demographics, industrial park expansion and training programs.

Fox Valley Technical College - Oshkosh Campus

150 N. Campbell Road, Oshkosh, WI 54903-2217,
(920) 233-9191, www.fvtc.edu

- Venture Center

5 Systems Drive, Appleton, WI 54912,
(920) 236-6139, www.venturecenterwi.biz

- Fab Lab

1825 Bluemound Dr. PO Box 2277 Appleton, WI 54912,
(262) 488-3703, www.fvtc.edu/fablab

In addition to courses in entrepreneurship and small business management at its Oshkosh campus, Fox Valley Technical College (FVTC) also offers entrepreneurial training programs, including E-Seed and Pro-Seed, and other assistance in the Oshkosh area through its Venture Center. FVTC Fab Lab provides resources and expertise for invention development, prototyping, and technology enrichment for 21st century learners.

Fox Valley Workforce Development Board

1401 McMahon Drive, Neenah, WI 54956,
(920) 720-5600, www.foxvalleywork.org

The Fox Valley Workforce Development Board, Inc. (FVWDB) fosters an environment of accessible, high quality, efficient and affordable training and employment opportunities to individuals, employees, and employers in Fond du Lac County. Services include labor market information; on-line job listings; advertising on job center websites; job fairs; on-site recruitment and interviewing at Job Centers; pre-screening and referral; assessment and testing; training programs; professional networking through career changers network; labor law workshops; assistance in accessing wage subsidy programs; dislocation services; workforce bulletins; and listings of resources available from other sources. In addition, the Board offers assistance to clients interested in starting their own business. The Fox Valley Workforce Development Board also has available a Regional Incubator Service Site for small business start-ups which includes office space, clerical, and IT support services.

Goodwill North Central Wisconsin - GoodBusiness Program

1800 Appleton Rd. Menasha, WI 54952, (920) 986-6041,
Email Contact: mupshaw_gw@qwicc.org

Helps budding low to moderate income micro-entrepreneurs write a feasibility report for their entrepreneurial ideas through their First Step FastTrac nine week program.

Oshkosh Area Economic Development Corporation

120 Jackson Street, Oshkosh, WI 54901,
(920) 303-2265 (ext. 14),
<http://www.oshkoshchamber.com/index.cfm?XlinkID=36>

The Oshkosh Area Economic Development Corp. (OAEDC) is the economic development arm of the Oshkosh Chamber created to promote the growth and expansion of new and existing businesses in the Oshkosh area. OAEDC provides entrepreneurs with business start up counseling, financial packaging services, business plan assistance, site selection support and makes appropriate referrals to an array of local, state and federal entrepreneurial service providers and programs. The OAEDC Revolving Loan Fund is a local source of funding that provides access to capital for new or existing small businesses in the Oshkosh area.

Downtown Oshkosh Business Improvement District

120 Jackson Street, Oshkosh, WI 54901,
(920) 303-2265 (ext. 11), www.downtownoshkosh.com

The Downtown Oshkosh Business Improvement District (BID) is a special assessment district located north of the Fox River in downtown Oshkosh. The BID provides many services and programs for member businesses including: access to the BID grant funding for business startup or expansion; marketing support; financial assistance for advertising; beautification and façade improvements; special event programming; site selection assistance; and demographic information.

Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce

120 Jackson Street, Oshkosh, WI 54901,
(920) 303-2265 (ext. 18), www.oshkoshchamber.com

The Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce is a private non-profit, non-governmental organization devoted to enhancing the strength of the business community and working for an excellent quality of life. With more than 1,000 members, the Oshkosh Chamber provides continuous leadership toward economic development and community development.

Thanks to the strong leadership and diversity of the Board of Directors, the Oshkosh Chamber earned a five-star accreditation from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the highest ranking a Chamber can receive. The Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce is a member-driven and supported organization where business comes together as a unified voice in the economic, political, educational and organizational areas for the betterment of the community.

SCORE – Fox Cities Chapter

Oshkosh – (920) 303-2266
<http://www.scorefoxcities.com> or www.score.org

The Oshkosh Chapter of SCORE provides free business counseling and low-cost workshops to both startup and existing businesses in Fond du Lac, Oshkosh and surrounding areas. The chapter provides those services using volunteer counselors with a wide range of business experience, and is supported, in part, by the U.S. Small Business Administration.

UW-Extension Cooperative Extension –Winnebago County

Winnebago County UW-Extension
James P. Coughlin Center
625 E. County Road Y, Suite 600
Oshkosh, WI 54901-8131
Phone: 920-232-1970 or 920-727-8643
Room 227, Admin/Extension Bldg., 400 University Drive,
Fond du Lac, WI 54935, (920) 929-3170,
<http://winnebago.uwex.edu>

The University of Wisconsin Extension's Cooperative Extension Division provides educational programs tailored to local needs based on university knowledge and research. County-based UW-Extension educators are University of Wisconsin faculty and staff who are experts in agriculture and agribusiness, community and economic development, natural resources, family living and youth development.

University of Wisconsin- Oshkosh Business Success Center

549 High Ave., Oshkosh, WI 54901 (920) 424-1453,
www.uwosh.edu/bsc

The UW-Oshkosh Business Success Center (BSC) provides public access to resources and expertise from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh. Faculty, staff, and students from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh and community-based experts combine their knowledge and professionalism to offer customized training, applied research and business consulting, and student internship programs to businesses in the area. As an educational resources organization, BSC works well to deliver innovative solutions to businesses and organizations.

University of Wisconsin Oshkosh College of Business Small Business Development Center

549 High Ave., Oshkosh, WI 54901, (920) 424-1453,
www.uwosh.edu/sbdc

The UW Oshkosh Small Business Development Center provides free business counseling and moderately-priced training programs to both new and existing businesses in Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Marquette, Outagamie, Sheboygan, Waushara and Winnebago Counties. The center is funded jointly by the U.S. Small Business Administration and the University of Wisconsin-Extension's Division of Entrepreneurship and Economic Development. It is also one of twelve campus assistance centers and three specialty research centers that form the Wisconsin Small Business Development Center Network.

Wisconsin Entrepreneurs' Network

2701 Larsen Road, Green Bay, WI 54303,
(920) 496-2116, www.wenportal.org

Part of the University of Wisconsin-Extension's Division of Entrepreneurship and Economic Development, the Wisconsin Entrepreneurs' Network employs four regional directors who provide a wide range of services to high impact entrepreneurs. WEN also seeks to integrate the entrepreneurship services offered by Wisconsin's colleges and universities, economic development organizations, and chambers of commerce.

Wisconsin Public Service (WPS)

700 N. Adams Street, Green Bay, WI 54307,
(920) 433-1135, www.wisconsinpublicservice.com

WPS is an electric and natural gas utility that can provide information on utility rates, costs, and service issues. WPS also works to assist companies that are looking to grow and expand by providing information on local, state, and regional economic development opportunities.