

The B.E.S.T Center is located on the 2nd floor of the Greater Effingham Chamber of Commerce & Industry at 903 N. Keller Drive in Effingham, Illinois.

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Making it easier for you to
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Helpful Links:

Illinois Small Business Development
Center Network:
www.ieccsbdc.com

Business Solutions Center:
<http://www.eiu.edu/~cei/>

Illinois SBDC International Trade
Center:
<http://www.siu.edu/ITC/>

Illinois State Treasurer:
<http://www.treasurer.il.gov/>

Helen Matthes Library:
<http://www.effinghamlibrary.org>



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The Business Essentials Support and Technology (B.E.S.T.) Center @ the Chamber will provide information, assistance, and services to individuals interested in starting a business and existing businesses will have access to resources critical to making smart business decisions.

The B.E.S.T. center strives to help businesses make informed decisions rather than emotion driven decisions in the areas of startup, acquisition, and sustainment.

Services Now Available:

- **Workshops and Seminars** will be held throughout the year on a variety of business topics. One workshop projected for 2009 is a Starting a Small Business. Other topics include financial planning, taxes and online training modules.

- **Expert Counselors** available on a weekly basis to provide business start-up, financial, operational and employment assistance. These free and confidential counseling sessions can be arranged by contacting the Chamber office to schedule an appointment.

Small Business Development Center counselors Barney Brumfield and John Renshaw hold office hours, contact the chamber for availability.

International Trade Center Consultant Tess Morrison from Kaskaskia College in Centralia will hold office hours at the B.E.S.T. Center for businesses interested in export information and assistance, contact the chamber for availability.

The **State Treasurer's Office** will be regularly schedule at the B.E.S.T Center for assistance, contact the chamber for availability.

Eastern Illinois University's **Business Solutions Center** counselor Stan Thurman is regularly scheduled at the B.E.S.T. Center, contact the chamber for availability.



- **A touchdown space** equipped with a computer, printer, telephone, high speed internet access and other essentials for those needing a quiet place to work or to do research on their business plans. The computer contains links to colleges, government agencies, employment resource sites and even training modules.
- **Interview space** for those who need an off-site location to conduct confidential interviews.
- **A Resource Library** supplied by Helen Matthes Library, that includes a collection of books, magazines and various audio-visual materials on subjects that range from how to write a business plan to leadership. The business resource library will be a great benefit to clients seeking information specific to small businesses.
- **Other Services** include the Chamber's Online Resume Service, Notary Public and Certificate of Origin Assistance.

Future plans include adding more government and business development agency specialists, online job listings, a franchise fair and other small business development assistance.