

# Frederick County, Maryland's Business Resources

## Frederick County Government

**FREDERICK COUNTY OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**  
[www.discoverfrederickmd.com](http://www.discoverfrederickmd.com) • 301-600-1058

**Helen Propher, Director**

To increase the overall economic health of Frederick County through attracting new businesses in targeted industries and helping existing businesses be more successful.

**DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT REVIEW AND ZONING ADMINISTRATION**

[www.frederickcountymd.gov/planning](http://www.frederickcountymd.gov/planning) • 301-600-1138

**Steve Horn, Director**

Provides review and approval of all current, pending and future land use development projects. Administers certificates, zoning, stormwater management, and processes plats, easements and other development agreements.

**DEPARTMENTS OF PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS**

[www.frederickcountymd.gov/planning](http://www.frederickcountymd.gov/planning) • 301-600-2313

**Gary Hessong, Director**

Provides permitting, fee collection, inspection, code enforcement services. Those services are consistent with the adopted County Ordinance or Code that may apply for building, electrical, plumbing, gaming and environmental compliance.

**OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES**

[www.frederickcountymd.gov/planning](http://www.frederickcountymd.gov/planning) • 301-600-1413

**Shannon Moore, Director**

Advances practical solutions for protecting the environment, conserving energy, and living sustainably in Frederick County, MD through initiatives, outreach programs and other services.

**DIVISION OF UTILITIES AND SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT**

[www.frederickcountymd.gov](http://www.frederickcountymd.gov) • 301-600-2078

**Kevin Demosky, Director**

Provides for the planning, construction and operation of the County's water supply, wastewater disposal and solid waste pollution control infrastructure.

**WORKFORCE SERVICES**

[www.frederickworks.com](http://www.frederickworks.com) • 301-600-2255

**Michelle Day, Business Services Manager**

As one of the Nation's One-Stop Career Centers, Frederick County Workforce Services links businesses in need of qualified employees with individuals seeking employment opportunities.

## Partner Organizations

**SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER**  
[www.discoverfrederickmd.com](http://www.discoverfrederickmd.com) • 301-600-1967

**Brandon Mason, Counselor**

The Small Business Development Center is committed to assisting entrepreneurs with all of their business needs, whether they are looking for start-up assistance, financing or seeking to expand, the SBDC has the resources to assist.

**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

[www.choosemaryland.org](http://www.choosemaryland.org) • 1-888-ChooseMD

Maryland's one-stop economic development shop strives to attract new businesses, stimulate private investment, encourage the expansion and retention of existing companies and provide Maryland business with workforce training and financial assistance. The Department markets local products and services at home and abroad.

**CITY OF FREDERICK DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

[www.businessinfrederick.com](http://www.businessinfrederick.com) • 301-600-6360

**Richard Griffin, Director**

To increase economic opportunity for Frederick residents through job creation, revitalization and reinvestment.

**FREDERICK COUNTY TOURISM COUNCIL**

[www.fredericktourism.org](http://www.fredericktourism.org) • 301-600-2888

Enhancing the economic benefits of tourism for Frederick County's businesses, attractions, local government and residents.

**FREDERICK COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

[www.frederickchamber.org](http://www.frederickchamber.org) • 301-662-4164

Connecting businesses and community through leadership, advocacy and education.

**FREDERICK COMMUNITY COLLEGE (FCC) CUSTOMIZED TRAINING**

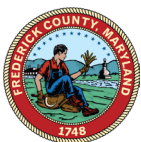
[www.frederick.edu](http://www.frederick.edu) • 301-846-2406

FCC is the area's leading expert in continuing education. We provide customized training programs to more than 70 area businesses in more than 550 classes each year.

**FREDERICK INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGY CENTER, INC (FITCI)**

[www.fitci.org](http://www.fitci.org) • 301-694-2999

FITCI serves to encourage innovation and accelerate the development of commercially viable companies. In doing so, we provide the resources and services particular to start-up technology-based businesses.



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# Frederick County, Maryland's Business Toolbox

## Incentives for Existing & New Businesses

**NO COUNTY BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX.** Local municipalities may assess a minimal tax.

**FAST TRACK PERMITTING** assistance to help businesses meet permitting timelines of a project.

**TAX INCREMENT FINANCING** is a tool to finance public infrastructure for commercial projects.

**\$0 BUILDING EXCISE TAX** for both residential and non-residential construction.

**COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL BUSINESS TAX CREDIT** is new for 2015 and provides up to a 10-year real property tax credit for manufacturing, fabricating or assembling operations that create at least 25 new jobs paying at least 150% of the federal minimum wage with a total investment of at least \$5M.

**FREDERICK COUNTY NEW JOBS TAX CREDIT** is an incentive for businesses that create at least 25 new jobs over 24 months and maintain them for the duration of the tax credit program; and lease/buy new or expanded facilities of at least 5,000 square feet, are eligible for a property tax credit on the assessed value of the real property.

**FREDERICK COUNTY ENHANCED NEW JOBS TAX CREDIT** is an incentive for businesses that obtain at least 250,000 square feet of new or expanded premises, continue to employ at least 2,500 individuals in existing full-time positions and employ at least 500 people in new, permanent positions. Alternatively, a business could qualify by obtaining at least 250,000 square feet and employing at least 1,250 individuals in new, permanent full-time positions.

**FREDERICK COUNTY VACANT COMMERCIAL STRUCTURES PROPERTY TAX CREDIT** is for the rehabilitation of vacant commercial structures in Frederick County and the City of Frederick when a business meets the following requirements: property has been vacant for 18 of the last 24 months, used for non-residential purposes locating in an area permitting commercial or industrial uses, and the structure has been constructed no fewer than 5 years prior to the submission of an application, the property will be eligible for a property tax credit on the increased assessed value resulting from the rehabilitation.

**SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER (SBDC)** assists small businesses (start-ups or existing) with a variety of services, including: business plan creation, obtaining financial assistance, trainings and more.

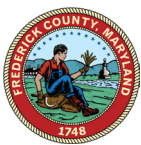
**PR FREDERICK** is an online press release distribution service available to all Frederick County and City of Frederick businesses at no charge through the Frederick County Office of Economic Development.

**COMPLIMENTARY BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP THROUGH THE WORLD TRADE CENTER INSTITUTE** that provides all County businesses with exporting assistance and connections to 330 World Trade Centers, 155 World Banks, Embassies, and international/regional exporting business leads.

**CUSTOMIZED TRAINING AND RECRUITMENT SERVICES** from Frederick County Workforce Services for new and expanded companies.

**DEMOGRAPHIC AND DATA RESEARCH SERVICES** are available to all new and existing companies through the Frederick County Office of Economic Development including CoStar database, Frederick County Business Directory and more.

**SMALL BUSINESS LOAN GUARANTEE** will be available in 2016 to guarantee up to 80% of small business loans at a maximum of \$50,000.



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