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Chamber Mission
To best serve the unique interests and needs of member businesses and to champion the broader economic vitality of the Metro South region.



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U.S. Chamber and Governor Baker Invited to April Economic Recovery Calls

Friday, April 9 & Friday, April 30 | 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm | Zoom Virtual Meeting



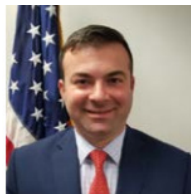
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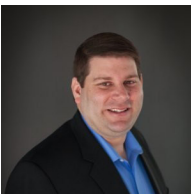
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Charlie Baker, Governor of
Massachusetts



Steve McAllister, U.S.
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U.S. Small Business
Administration



The Metro South Chamber of Commerce and Regional Economic Development Organization's Business Assistance Recovery & Resilience Resource Zoom call series continues through April. **Join us Friday, April 9th from 2-3PM and Friday, April 30th from 2-3PM.** During these calls we will also hear from our city, state, and federal officials with COVID-19 economic recovery updates. Officials include Mayor of Brockton, Robert F. Sullivan; Regional Director Sue Whitaker from the Massachusetts Office of Business Development (MOBD); and Ili Spahiu, Assistant District Director for Lender Relations, U.S. Small Business Administration.

Special guest participants of the series have included Speaker of the House Robert DeLeo; U.S. Senator Ed Markey; Congressman Bill Keating; Secretary of Labor & Workforce Development Rosalin Acosta; Secretary of Housing & Economic Development Mike Kennealy; State Senator Rodrigues; State Representative Claire Cronin; Mass Workforce Association; Brockton Redevelopment Authority; MassHire Greater Brockton Workforce Board; Massachusetts Business Alliance for Education; MassBio; the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and many more.

Steve McAllister, Executive Director, Eastern Region of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce will speak during our session on April 9th. Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker has been invited to speak during the April 30th event. Register online at metrosouthchamber.com/calendar-registration. Contact Lexi with questions, AREinertson@metrosouthchamber.com, (508) 586-0500 x 231. *Read on for more info on our panel of speakers, page 2.*

Jobs-Jobs-Jobs! Opportunities Across Metro South

To post your job opening, contact the MassHire Greater Brockton Workforce Board, located at 34 School Street in Brockton: www.masshiregbwb.org, 508-584-3234



• **Business Assistant PT**
Metro South Chamber of Commerce
Brockton, MA
Phone: 508-586-0500
Email: chris@metrosouthchamber.com

Stacy's Pita Chips (Frito Lay)
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• **Dispensary Assistant Full and Part Time Available**
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Phone: 508-612-2687
Web: green4allbrockton.com



• **Apartment Leasing Agent**
South Shore Property Management, LLC
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• **FT General Utility Technician**
• **PT General Utility Technician seasonal**
• **FT General Utility Technician seasonal**



BC Tent & Awning, Co.
Avon, MA
Web: bctent.com/now-hiring

• **Installer**
• **Warehouse-Sundry Loader**
• **Sales & Marketing Assistant**

Small Business & Entrepreneur of the Year Awards: Open Nominations!

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS



The Metro South Chamber and Bank of America recognize the achievements and contributions of small businesses and entrepreneurs in creating new jobs and economic opportunities in the Metro South region. We welcome you to nominate businesses for the 2021 *Small Business of the Year* and *Entrepreneur of the Year* awards.

Nominating someone is easy!

You may nominate your own business or any other business you deem worthy. For nomination forms, email Lexi at AREinertson@metrosouthchamber.com More on page 6.



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ATHENA Award: Open Nominations



ATHENA Award Nominations are also open for June! Read more on page 6.



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U.S. Chamber on 4/9 Economic Recovery Call

Friday, April 9 | 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm | Zoom Virtual Meeting



Steve McAllister, U.S. Chamber of Commerce



Stephen P. McAllister is Senior Manager of the Eastern Region for the US Chamber of Commerce. The eastern region covers the six New England states, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, West Virginia and Maryland. Steve works with chambers of commerce, members of Congress in each state, their staffs, trade associations and the media across the region to support the US Chamber’s agenda. The US Chamber’s goal is “to generate stronger, more robust economic growth, create jobs, and expand opportunity for all Americans”. Steve also has experience working in both federal and state government. Steve was Director of Advance for Rhode Island Governor Lincoln D. Chafee (D-RI) and also a Constituent and Community Liaison for United States Senator John E. Sununu (R-NH).

Steve received a Bachelor of Arts, Political Science from Saint Anselm College and a Master’s in Public Administration from the University of New Hampshire. Steve graduated from Northeast Institute in 2016.

Topics covered include city, state, and national resources to help you, your business, and your community respond to COVID-19. Zoom into this very special forum to raise awareness and have your questions answered. Register online at metrosouthchamber.com/calendar-registration. Contact Lexi with questions, AREinertson@metrosouthchamber.com.

Economic Recovery Call, Gov. Baker Invited

Friday, April 30 | 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm | Zoom Virtual Meeting



Charlie Baker, Governor of Massachusetts



Join us for a COVID-19 Economic recovery call update on **Friday, April 30th at 2:00pm** with the Metro South Chamber of Commerce, Massachusetts Office of Business Development, Mayor of Brockton Robert F. Sullivan, and U.S. Small Business Administration. We hope to have Governor Charlie Baker join us. Register online at metrosouthchamber.com/calendar-registration.

Topics covered include city, state, and national resources to help you, your business, and your community respond to COVID-19. Zoom into this very special forum to raise awareness and have your questions answered.

This event is sponsored by Bridgewater State University. BSU isn’t just a place to get an education — it’s a place to belong. Located just 30 miles from Boston, BSU has established itself over 180 years as a place to lay the groundwork for a rewarding career — to discover your own definition of success and gain the skills necessary to achieve it. It’s a place to make lifelong friends and take advantage of extraordinary opportunities — all for an unbeatable value. Learn more about Bridgewater State University at bridgew.edu.

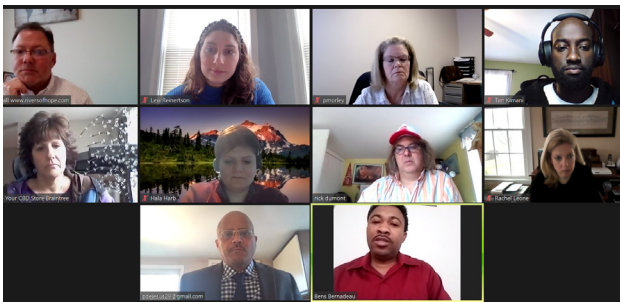
Photonics and Optical Engineering at Bridgewater State University, One of Only A Few in New England



If the 20th Century was the century of the electron and electronics, the 21st century will be the century of the photon. Photons – particles of light that can transmit and process information – move a thousand times faster than electrons. As the next wave in technology, photonics will replace electricity in myriad applications and drive revolutions in everything from computing and autonomous vehicles to cell phones and medical equipment.

Through its first ever engineering program, BSU is now at the forefront of this new technology. With millions of dollars invested in state-of-the-art labs and equipment, Bridgewater State University is one of the only undergraduate Photonics and Optical engineering programs in New England. In partnership with MIT and the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative, BSU is rapidly emerging as an integrated photonics hub, training students to be engineers and technicians in a rapidly growing field that desperately needs new highly skilled workers. As Farhad Vazehgoo, Director of Advanced Technology Programs and Workforce Development at Massachusetts Technology Collaborative, has said, “If you want to be in the center of that and secure a career that is aligned with photonics, I would say BSU is the place to be.” To learn more, visit www.bridgew.edu/departments/physics/academic-programs/photronics-optical-engineering.

Business Relationships Thrive, Connect Online!



Take time to reconnect with your Metro South community; your opportunity to network is here! Join us for a chance to catch up and make new connections with live virtual Zoom networking.

- Thursday, April 8 @ 1:00PM • Wednesday, April 14 @ 1:00PM
- Thursday, April 29 @ 10:30AM • Wednesday, May 5 @ 1:00PM
- Thursday, May 13 @ 5:30PM • Wednesday, May 19 @ 1:00PM

We want all of our members to know that we’re here for you. Connect with potential customers, existing chamber members and friends in the Metro South community from the comfort and safety of your homes/work spaces. Every member attending will be asked to give a 60-second pitch (who you are, and what you do) and then we will have an open discussion with the group.

Space is limited, so please RSVP in advance. For more information, contact Lexi at AREinertson@metrosouthchamber.com. Visit our online calendar for details, metrosouthchamber.com/calendar-registration.

Mega Networking with 8 Chambers! May 13



Multi-Chamber Mega Mixer

MAY 13TH FROM 5:30 PM TO 7 PM.

THIS WILL BE AN INTERACTIVE AND ENTERTAINING EVENT WITH BREAK OUT ROOMS, GAMES AND OF COURSE PRIZES!!!

REGISTER NOW WITH YOUR CHAMBER AND GET READY TO MEET NEW PEOPLE WHILE GROWING YOUR BOOK OF BUSINESS!

Join us on **Thursday, May 13, 2021 from 5:30pm-7:00pm for a Multi-Chamber Mega Mixer Virtual Networking event via Zoom.**

We’re partnering with the Cape Cod Canal, Cranberry Country, One SouthCoast, Plymouth Area, The United Regional, Taunton Area, and Tri-Town Chamber of Commerce for this Mega Mixer. This will be an interactive and entertaining event with breakout rooms, games, and of course prizes! Space is limited, so please RSVP in advance. You will receive a personal email from Lexi Reinertson the morning of the networking with the Zoom link. Please make sure to register with your correct email address.

For more information on this event or to register, contact **Lexi Reinertson** at areinertson@metrosouthchamber.com or register online at metrosouthchamber.com/calendar. We are looking forward to seeing all of you!

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The Chamber wishes to assure our members of our intention to provide universal access to all programs. If you or your employees require assistance in this area, please let us know by calling the Chamber at (508) 586-0500 at least 48 hours in advance.

CHAMBER Calendar

Networking at events is one of the most effective ways to grow your business!

April

07

Ambassador Meeting

9:00 am

Zoom Virtual Meeting

08

Grow with Google: Make Your Website Work For You

10:00 am

Virtual Workshop

08

Live Virtual Networking

1:00 pm

Zoom Virtual Meeting

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Business Assistance Zoom Call: Recovery & Resilience Resources for COVID-19 Relief

2:00 pm

Zoom Virtual Meeting

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Live Virtual Networking

1:00 pm

Zoom Virtual Meeting

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Live Virtual Networking

10:30 am

Zoom Virtual Meeting

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Business Assistance Zoom Call: Recovery & Resilience Resources for COVID-19 Relief

2:00 pm

Zoom Virtual Meeting

May

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Ambassador Meeting

9:00 am

Zoom Virtual Meeting

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Live Virtual Networking

1:00 pm

Zoom Virtual Meeting

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Executive Board Meeting

3:00 pm

Zoom Virtual Meeting

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Multi-Chamber Mega Mixer

5:30 pm

Zoom Virtual Meeting

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Small Biz & Entrepreneur of the Year Awards

2:00 pm

Zoom Virtual Meeting

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Live Virtual Networking

1:00 pm

Zoom Virtual Meeting

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Board Meeting

12:30 pm

Zoom Virtual Meeting

Visit metrosouthchamber.com/calendar to register and learn more about any of these events. Additional networking events will be announced, contact Lexi to be placed on a mailing list. Email AReinertson@metrosouthchamber.com.

The Ambassador Team meets on a monthly basis to serve fellow members by providing information, resources, member-to-member support, increasing awareness and promoting active participation in Chamber programs and services. To learn more, call the chamber at (508) 586-0500 or email info@metrosouthchamber.com

Note: All meetings are held at the Metro South Chamber Office (via Zoom) or Metro South Business Assistance Center (BAC), Sixty School Street, Brockton unless otherwise indicated.

UP-TO-DATE News



MassDevelopment Monthly Office Hours at the Chamber with Jay Pateakos
Jay Pateakos, Vice President of Business Development for the South Region of MassDevelopment will host a series of virtual office hours through the Metro South Chamber of Commerce.

Pateakos will be available to provide information and answer questions about how the organization can help businesses, financial institutions, and municipalities in southeastern Massachusetts.

For more information, email Jay at jpateakos@massdevelopment.com or call (508) 678-0533 x 1201.

"Music Matters" Free Brockton Symphony Orchestra Concert Series

Brockton Symphony is pleased to announce Music Matters, our FREE year-long series of topnotch online musical performances to soothe your soul during this time of Covid-19. This 12-concert chamber music series began in December 2019, with a new concert premiering on the first weekend of each month on your local cable television channel. These concerts are available for viewing anytime at www.BrocktonSymphony.org for you to watch at your leisure. If you'd like to receive an email reminder about each concert in the Music Matters concert series, sign up here: http://www.brocktonsymphony.org/musicmatters_signup.php

Members - send Good News to estration@metrosouthchamber.com
Sponsored by: Good Samaritan Medical Center

MassExport Training Calendar - Webinars

- April 9 - Restricted Party List Trends & Best Practices. Screening is a seemingly simple yet utterly complex task for many exporters. And if screening wasn't already challenging enough, in recent years, the U.S. government has dramatically increased its use of restricted party lists as a go-to tool for national security and trade dispute purposes.
- April 29 - Using a Risk-Based Approach to Build Your Export Compliance Program
- May 7 - Biden on Trade: The First 100 Days and Beyond
- May 13 - Global Trade Shipping Update: Trends in Inbound, Outbound, and Global Air & Ocean Cargo
- June 11 - Trends in U.S. Export Controls for the Electronics and Semiconductor Sectors in Greater China

To learn more and register, visit www.msbd.org/export/events.htm

Boys & Girls Club of Metro South Gala Auction
GET READY FOR THE ULTIMATE VIRTUAL EVENT EXPERIENCE 2021 HAS TO OFFER! All attendees are able to tune in on Friday, April 9th for FREE! Be sure to save the date! We promise from the moment you "step" through the doors of our virtual convention center you practically forget you're on your couch! The virtual event registration link is NOW OPEN! Once you register you will receive information about the Gala Auction, can make a direct donation anytime to support our fund-a-cause, and bid on 100+ silent auction items. Visit www.bgcmetrosouth.org/2021galaauction to learn more.



BROCKTON VACCINE CLINIC

BNHC patients or Brockton residents who meet the state's guidelines can now get a COVID vaccine at the Shaw's Center. Educators, school staff and child care workers who live or work in Brockton can now register.*



WE ARE NOW IN PHASE 2 FOR THE COVID VACCINE. HERE IS WHO QUALIFIES:

- EVERYONE IN PHASE 1.
- THOSE 65 OR OLDER, OR WITH 2 OR MORE MEDICAL CONDITIONS (SEE WWW.MASS.GOV/COVIDVACCINE).
- THOSE WHO ESCORT A PERSON 75 OR OLDER.

*We'll start vaccinating educators, school staff and child care workers who work or live in Brockton March 11, but registration is now open!

*We have plenty of appointments available for our clinic at 1 Feinberg Way, near Brockton High School.



TO SCHEDULE YOUR VACCINE, YOU MUST COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION FORM AT:



[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/VACCINEREQUEST](https://tinyurl.com/vaccinerequest)



COVID-19 Vaccination in MA: Eligibility Status

Phase 1	All phase 1 priority groups	Now eligible
Phase 2		
1	Individuals age 75+	Now eligible
2	Individuals age 65+ and individuals with 2+ certain medical conditions	Now eligible
3	K-12 educators, K-12 school staff, and child care workers	Now eligible
4	Individuals age 60+ and workers in certain sectors (including transit, grocery, utility, food and agriculture, sanitation, public works, and public health workers)	Now eligible
5	Individuals age 55+ and individuals with 1 certain medical condition	Eligible 4/5
Phase 3		
1	Individuals age 16+	Eligible 4/19

Everyone in Phase 1, individuals age 75 and older, individuals age 60 and older, individuals with 2+ certain medical conditions, residents and staff of low income and affordable senior housing, K-12 educators, K-12 school staff, and child care workers, and certain workers are eligible to get the COVID-19 vaccine now. Visit www.vaccinesignup.mass.gov to preregister for Massachusetts COVID-19 Vaccines at Mass Vaccination Locations.

Health Care Matters

Sponsored by: Good Samaritan Medical Center 235 North Pearl Street, Brockton, MA 02301 508-427-3000 www.goodsamaritanmedical.org



Kerry G. Bennett, MD, Breast Surgeon Joins Good Samaritan Medical Center's Medical Staff

Good Samaritan Medical Center and Steward Medical Group are pleased to announce the appointment of Surgeon Kerry G. Bennett, MD, MPH, FACS, CPCC to the medical staff. Dr. Bennett specializes in breast surgery.

Dr. Bennett earned her medical

degree as well as a Master of Public Health from Tufts University School of Medicine in Boston, Massachusetts. She completed her surgical residency and fellowship at Tufts-New England Medical Center.

Dr. Bennett joins our surgical team in caring for breast surgery patients. Dr. Bennett's clinical interests include high risk and genetics of breast cancer, young women and men with breast cancer and the psychological impact of breast cancer.

Dr. Bennett is a member of the American College of Surgeons, American Society of Breast Surgeons

and Association of Women Surgeons. She has published extensively and is actively involved in life coaching program for physicians through the Massachusetts Medical Society physician health services. Dr. Bennett has volunteered her clinical services in Central America. She is also a certified IFS therapist, an author, and a yoga instructor.

Dr. Bennett is accepting new patients at Steward Women's Health Associates and Breast Center, 15 Roche Brothers Way, Suite 220, One Washington Place Building, North Easton, MA. (774) 568-8534.



Kerry G. Bennett, MD

BOARD Profile - Harbor Health Services



Chuck Jones, President & CEO
Harbor Health Services, Inc.



Year Established: 1965

Harbor Health Services,
Inc.
1135 Morton Street
Mattapan, MA 02126

Products or Services: Harbor Health provides high-quality comprehensive medical, dental, and behavioral health services, as well as community health programs that meet the needs of underserved communities. This is accomplished

through a network of non-profit community health centers, WIC, & PACE programs

Number of Employees: 556

What is unique or special about your firm and the products and services you offer? Among our community health centers is Geiger Gibson Community Health Center, the very first Community Health Center in the country, in operation for 55 years. Our health centers serve patients with few other options for care. Most are uninsured or have MassHealth (Massachusetts Medicaid) or Health Safety Net insurance.

What is your market area? Boston, Plymouth, Brockton, Hyannis, and Dennis.

What markets do you serve? Among Harbor's patients, 75% are low-income and/or uninsured and 42% identify as a person of color and/or ethnic minority. Many of our patients have preferred languages other than English, including Spanish, Brazilian Portuguese, Vietnamese, and Haitian Creole.

Please list awards, honors, or special recognition your firm has received: Accredited by the Joint Commission for providing quality patient care since 2003; Harbor Health received MA Health Policy Commission Patient Centered Medical Home PRIME certification for behavioral health integration in February 2017; Harbor Health has been a recognized NCQA Patient-Centered Medical Home since 2011; Harbor was deemed a health center quality leader by HRSA in 2020.

What is your main business objective concerning your customers and the business community? Our mission is to help individuals achieve their full potential through access to local, affordable services that promote health. Our vision is for everyone in our communities to be empowered to lead a healthy, independent, and fulfilled life.

Small Business Resource; We Speak Portuguese!



Theresa Lobo-Albin, Small Business Assistance

Theresa Lobo-Albin, has joined the chamber staff this past year and is fluent in Portuguese. She is available to communicate with businesses that may require help in learning about various business assistance programs serving entrepreneurs, businesses and non-profits throughout the region.

Theresa holds a degree in business and accounting and has worked with many small businesses from numerous industries over her career in accounting.

The Chamber (in partnership with many regional, state, and federal resources) operates the Metro South Business Assistance Center and Thomas Edison Business Incubator in support of business development. Many of the BAC resources can be found online and are being offered remotely,

including one-on-one coaching through SCORE Counselors.

To learn more about business assistance resources in English and Portuguese contact Theresa Lobo-Albin at finance@metrosouthchamber.com or call (508) 586-0500 x 230. To learn more about the Business Assistance Center (BAC) and available business resources, visit www.metroouthchamber.com/resources/business-assistance. Individual counseling is available by appointment.



NeighborWorks Housing Solutions Resources: RAFT & ERAP Offer Housing/Eviction Relief Options

UNDERSTANDING THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ERAP)



The fourth in a series of regional forums on housing and evictions in our region. One year into the pandemic...

What is happening in the courts with evictions and the potential impact of the end of the federal moratorium on evictions? What do these new federal rental assistance resources mean for tenants, landlords, and homeowners? How can we get word out to the community?

Please join us for a virtual panel presentation on Thursday, April 8th from 10 AM to 11:30 AM. We will look at current eviction trends, review newly available federal resources, and highlight some examples of community outreach.

Panelists include:

- Laura Camara, Senior Attorney, Justice Center of Southeast Massachusetts
- Kathy Facchini, Housing Services Director, NeighborWorks® Housing Solutions, the administering agency for Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) and Emergency Rental and Mortgage Assistance (ERMA)
- Angelina Cardoso-Teixeira, Housing Counselor, NeighborWorks® Housing Solutions
- Cape Verdean Association of Brockton, invited
- Samantha Kaufman, Director of Communications, Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development

For more information or to submit specific questions, please contact Maureen Fitzgerald at mfitzgerald@nhsmass.org. Visit NHSMass.org to learn more.

RAFT (RESIDENTIAL ASSISTANCE TO FAMILIES IN TRANSITION) PROGRAM OFFERS \$10K GRANTS FOR HOUSING

(Residential Assistance to Families in Transition), provides short-term emergency financial assistance to help eligible homeowners and renters by assisting with mortgage payments, rent, utility bills, and other costs. This special program targets households facing instability as a result of a COVID-19 (Coronavirus) related housing crisis due to a loss of wages or increase in expenses (e.g., medical expenses). For more info, visit NHSMass.org.

U.S. Small Business Administration Shuttered Venue Operators Grant and More COVID-19 Relief Options



Shuttered Venue Operators Grant (SVOG) program was established through the Economic Aid to Hard-Hit Small Businesses, Nonprofits

and Venues Act and amended by the American Rescue Plan Act to provide over \$16 billion in economic relief to target industries. The SVOG application is slated to open April 8, 2021. Visit svograntportal.sba.gov to learn more.

MORE COVID-19 RELIEF OPTIONS FROM THE SBA:

Paycheck Protection Program: This forgivable loan helps businesses keep their workforce employed during the COVID-19 crisis.

COVID-19 EIDL: This loan provides economic relief to small businesses and non-profit organizations currently experiencing a temporary loss of revenue.

SBA Debt Relief: SBA provides a financial reprieve to existing borrowers during the pandemic.

Cross-Program Eligibility: A summary of the criteria to meet when considering different funding options.

Visit www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/covid-19-relief-options to learn more about any of the programs listed above.



Small Business Awards - Call for Nominations

Friday, May 14 | 2:00 pm-3:00 pm | Virtual Event via ZOOM



The 2021 Small Business and Entrepreneur of the Year Awards will be presented at a special chamber program on Friday, May 14, 2021, from 2:00pm - 3:00 pm live via zoom. Please join the Chamber and premier sponsor, Bank of America in recognizing the achievements and contributions of small businesses and entrepreneurs in creating new jobs and economic opportunities in the Metro South region!

You may nominate your own business or any other business you deem worthy. For nomination forms, call Lexi at (508) 586-0500 x 231 or email AReinertson@metrosouthchamber.com You may include any additional documentation that will help illustrate why the business is deserving of the award. Nominees do not need to be members of the Chamber. To learn more, visit metrosouthchamber.com/events/small-biz-awards-expo.

Small Business of the Year Criteria:
50 or less full-time employees (or equivalent); in business more than 3 consecutive years under the current ownership; for-profit business.

Entrepreneur of the Year Criteria:
10 or less full-time employees (or equivalent); in business less than 3 years; a for-profit business.

Companies will be rated on their creativity and imagination in the development of their business, demonstration of growth, and a reflection on internal and external social responsibility. Nominations are due to the Chamber by April 16, 2021. Recipients will be announced at the Small Business and Entrepreneur Lunch on May 14, 2021.

Prior Small Business of the Year Recipients

- 2020 South Shore SoftWash LLC
- 2019 Immerse Agency
- 2018 Just Desserts Bakery & Cafe
- 2017 Wood Palace Kitchens
- 2016 Strange Planet Printing
- 2015 Maguire's Bar & Grill
- 2014 J.M. Pet Resort
- 2013 Solex Payroll Systems, Inc.
- 2012 Vincente's Tropical Grocery
- 2011 McGuigan's Pub
- 2010 Prisco's Market
- 2009 MCG Partners
- 2008 Heights Crossing
- 2007 Westgate Lanes
- 2006 Cindy's Kitchen
- 2005 Northeast Wholesale Nail & Fastener Supply
- 2004 Dupliron, Inc.
- 2003 Modern Auto Body
- 2002 United Furniture, Inc.
- 2001 Robert Sharkansky & Company, CPA

Prior Entrepreneur of the Year Recipients

- 2020 Empower Nutrition
- 2019 LAUNCH
- 2018 Shovel Town Brewery
- 2017 Epicure Wine & Jazz Bar
- 2016 Elvera's Cafe
- 2015 The Sound Lab
- 2014 JJ's Caffee
- 2013 James Tran, SKy8 Shrimp Farm, LLC
- 2012 Billy Michaud, Sparky's Import Repair
- 2011 Al Ata, Elie Baking Corp
- 2010 Patricia Winberg, Topnotch Design Studio
- 2009 Michelle Cully, XPressman Trucking & Courier
- 2008 Robert Monahan, UPPAbaby
- 2007 Howard Wright, Wright Technology
- 2006 Rob Peters, Rob Peters Entertainment
- 2005 Jeffrey Chrzanowski, Spark Street Auto Body
- 2004 Charles Bernard, The DJ Experience
- 2003 James Messinger, The Crazy Chefs Caterers
- 2002 Jerome Offutt, Top Quality Staffing
- 2001 Randy Yanoff, Eye of the Tiger Karate

Sponsored by:

ATHENA Award - Call for Leadership Nominations



In June, the Metro South Chamber of Commerce and Eastern Bank will present the 23rd Annual ATHENA Award to an exceptional individual who has achieved excellence in their business or profession, has served the community in a meaningful way, and has assisted women in reaching their full leadership potential.

The ATHENA Leadership Award® was inspired by the goddess of Greek mythology known for her strength, courage, wisdom and enlightenment — qualities embodied in the ATHENA Leadership Model. The Award is unique in both scope — local, national and international — and the ATHENA mission upon which it is based. The ATHENA Leadership Award is presented to a woman, or man, who is honored for professional excellence, community service and for actively assisting women in their attainment of professional excellence and leadership skills.

Since the program's start in 1982, more than 7,000 exemplary leaders in over 500 communities have received the prestigious ATHENA Award in the United States, Bermuda, Canada, China, Greece, India, Russia, United Arab Emirates and United Kingdom. By honoring exceptional leaders, the ATHENA Leadership Award Program seeks to inspire others to achieve excellence in their professional and personal lives.

The ATHENA Leadership Award is presented annually by chambers of commerce, women's organizations and universities. The award is established through local host organizations in partnership with ATHENA International. Learn more about the program at www.athenainternational.org.

The Metro South Chamber of Commerce believes in the values underlying the ATHENA Foundation's philosophy of incorporating the talents and expertise of women into the leadership of our businesses, communities, and government.

To nominate an individual for an ATHENA Award, or for more information please contact Lexi Reinertson at (508) 586-0500 x 231 or email at AReinertson@metrosouthchamber.com. Learn more online at metrosouthchamber.com/events/athena.

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Webinars, Virtual Workshops & Expos, Endless Ways to Grow & Maintain Your Business From Home

To learn more about any of these workshops or to register, visit metrosouthchamber.com/calendar unless otherwise stated.

Throughout the year, SEED holds and participates in events geared toward educating, preparing, and empowering small business owners as well as all those who serve budding and seasoned entrepreneurs. All upcoming small business workshops, lender trainings, and annual networking events are listed below. Due to COVID-19, all workshops and events will be offered virtually until further notice. To participate in one of these events, click on the event link and fill out the reservation form. Contact jmello@seedcorp.com with any questions regarding upcoming events.



Basic Entrepreneurial Workshop: Business Fundamentals with Envision Bank
Tuesday, April 6 | 10:00AM - 11:00AM

SEED Corporation and Eastern Bank will be holding a free, virtual workshop focused on helping entrepreneurs understand the fundamentals of owning a business. Information on how to get started, where and how to get financing, and the loan application process will be presented. Other topics being covered will include creating a business plan, marketing, and management considerations. Attendees will be provided with a free business plan guide and other supplemental materials.



Basic Entrepreneurial Workshop: Understanding Business Financials with Envision Bank
Thursday, April 8 | 10:00AM - 11:00AM

SEED Corporation and Eastern Bank will be holding a free virtual workshop, in which participants will learn how to read and create a balance sheet, income statement, and cash flow statement, and keep on top of their business finances. The workshop will also explain how a small business owner can anticipate financial needs in order to operate the business more efficiently. This workshop will be presented by a business advisor from the Massachusetts Small Business Development Center.

Grow with Google Make Your Website Work For You (offered by Grow With Google)



Thursday, April 8 | 10:00AM-11:00AM

Join Bryan Caplan, Speaker for Grow with Google, for an info-packed webinar dedicated to growing your business online. In this 45-minute webinar, learners will discover how to create a search-friendly website that drives user action

and supports their goals. Whether launching a new website or sprucing up an old one, this workshop will help. All attendees will want to stay after the presentation for a bonus session where Bryan will show you how to use YouTube with your website.



Massasoit Community College Corporate Education and SCORE South Eastern Mass (SEMA) are pleased to offer a new program designed for existing businesses, aspiring entrepreneurs, and students alike. SCORE is the nation's largest network of volunteer business mentors dedicated to helping

small businesses get off the ground, grow and achieve their goals. The program, **NextPhase Learning**, consists of a series of business essential workshops covering these five key topics: Entrepreneurship, Finance, Marketing, Restaurant/Hospitality Sector, and Social Media. By design, NextPhase Learning will span the learning continuum – from workshops to one-on-one business mentoring to longer-term consulting and advising. All sessions are delivered live online via Zoom. For additional information call 508-588-9100 x1322. Please visit www.massasoit.edu/corporate-community-education/corporate-education/business-essentials-series/ to view the full class schedule.

ENTREPRENRUSHIP: Wednesday, April 7 | 1:30 PM – 4:00 PM | \$75 (scholarships available! Contact, info@metrosouthchamber.com)

Do you have the “right stuff” to succeed as a business owner? Is now the right time to start a business? Attend the SCORE “Entrepreneurship Essentials” course to get answers to these questions. We will review the risks, rewards and critical activities you need to accomplish to start a business.

FINANCE: Monday, April 12 | 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM | \$75 (scholarships available! Contact the Chamber, info@metrosouthchamber.com)

What “story” are your financial documents telling you? The SCORE Finance Essentials workshop consists of two sessions, a basic financial accounting overview followed by an intermediary look at budgeting and cash flow. As a result of attending this course, you will be able to read your financial statements to develop winning business strategies and tactics.

RESTAURANT/HOSPITALITY SECTOR: Wednesday, April 14 | 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM | \$75 (scholarships available! Contact the Chamber, info@metrosouthchamber.com)

No business group has been affected more by COVID19 than the restaurant, hospitality sector. The SCORE Market Focus Essentials course is “straight talk” for anyone thinking of opening a restaurant or surviving with an existing business in this sector. Safe service, employee management and managing cash flow discussion are all “on the table” at this course.



Support Local Restaurants with Outdoor/Indoor Dining and Take-Out Menus!



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Please remember our wonderful eateries and enjoy their outdoor and indoor dining. You may also order some delicious food to-go. You may discover a new taste or visit a favorite place while helping them during this challenging time. Offerings are subject to change. For the best service, please contact the restaurant directly. This list is comprised from various sources including the City of Brockton. To include your restaurant on this list, contact Lexi at AReinertson@metrosouthchamber.com or call (508) 586-0500 x 231.

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Boston Fried Chicken 95 Montello Street Brockton, MA (774) 776-2734	Domino's Pizza 1940 Main Street Brockton, MA (508) 588-3412	Italian Kitchen 1071 Main Street Brockton, MA (508) 586-2100	McMenamy Seafood 810 Belmont Street Brockton, MA (508) 586-1122	Pizza Maria 180 Oak Street Brockton, MA (508) 559-0701	Tamboo Bistro 252 Main Street Brockton, MA (508) 584-8585
Brack's Grille & Tap 1280 Belmont Street Brockton, MA (508) 271-7777	Domino's Pizza 1085 N. Montello Street Brockton, MA (508) 587-1299	JJ's Caffe 610 N Main Street Brockton, MA (508) 510-4227	Mee King Garden 187 Crescent Street Brockton, MA (508) 588-1311	Pizza Palace 350 Oak Street Brockton, MA (508) 559-0707	Teen Challenge Catering 20 Clifton Avenue Brockton, MA (508) 510-7674
Buena Vista Restaurant 526A Main Street Brockton, MA (508) 580-7745	El Rincon Del Sabor 330 N. Main Street Brockton, MA (617) 301-0289	Jo's Best Diner 1050 Pearl Street Brockton, MA (508) 584-8334	Mike Shea's Coffee Roasting 30 First Street Bridgewater, MA (508) 807-5754	Press It Juicery 3 Roche Brothers Way North Easton, MA (508) 297-2585	Terra Nossa 1030 N. Montello Street Brockton, MA 02301 (508) 580-4463
Buffalo Wild Wings 486 Westgate Drive Brockton, MA (508) 559-1409	Empower Nutrition 828 Crescent Street Brockton, MA (508) 857-5931	Joe Angelo's Cafe & Deli 11 Crescent Street Brockton, MA (508) 588-8331	Miko's Cafe 912 Crescent Street Brockton, MA (508) 232-6754	Restaurant Panorama 180 N. Main Street Brockton, MA (508) 427-1649	Texas Roadhouse 124 Westgate Drive Brockton, MA (508) 427-6244
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Chipotle Mexican Grill 500 Westgate Drive Brockton, MA (508) 586-0102	George's Cafe 228 Belmont Street Brockton, MA 02301 (508) 588-4231	Little Sami's 1145 W. Chestnut Street Brockton, MA (508) 436-4766	Only One Jamaican Restaurant II 192 Warren Avenue Brockton, MA (617) 833-5872	Stelios Pizza House 25 Pearl Street Brockton, MA 02301 (508) 894-8160	White's Bakery & Cafe 1041 Pearl Street Brockton, MA (508) 584-5100

Governor Baker Signs Legislation Providing Relief to Massachusetts Employers and Employees



Last week, Governor Baker signed legislation (“An Act financing a program for improvements to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund and providing relief to employers and workers in the Commonwealth”) that provides relief for employers and employees across the Commonwealth.

This bill will freeze the unemployment insurance (UI) experience rate schedule for employers in 2021 and 2022 and thereby prevent a more significant tax schedule increase. The bill also ensures that loans forgiven as part of the Paycheck Protection Program, as well as Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) advances, are excluded from taxable income for individual taxpayers. Please note this applies only to the 2020 taxable year. The bill also requires that employers provide a week of paid sick leave to employees that have become ill with COVID, are caring for a family member that has become ill with COVID, is receiving an immunization, or has to isolate due to COVID exposure, or is caring for a family member in quarantine. The Governor did propose two clarifying amendments on this topic for consideration by the legislature. Please find the bill text here: malegislature.gov/Bills/192/H95

Brockton Celebrates Biz. Expansion, JM Pet Resort



Chamber board member Jeni Mather, JM Pet Resort and JM Pet Vet Clinic celebrated the completion of their expansion with a ribbon cutting ceremony with the Honorable Robert F. Sullivan, Mayor, City of Brockton, Chris Cooney, President, Metro South Chamber of Commerce, and various business community partners. Mayor Sullivan presented Jeni Mather, with a mayoral citation for the continued dedication JM Pet Resort and JM Pet Vet Clinic offer daily to the pets in the city of Brockton.

JM Pet Resort has doubled in size and now employees over 80 people. Site includes retail store, sugical center, boarding, doggie day car, and now cat care services.

“Today was a milestone at JM Pet Resort and JM Pet Vet Clinic, as we have watched the culmination of the last two years of construction finally become a reality. I am grateful and humbled by the Mayor’s visit and citation today. This has been a huge team achievement, and our staff is so excited to, finally, be welcoming clients into our new facility. I also have to give a HUGE thank you to Steve Leonard with CWB Contractors, Dan Trout with North Easton Savings Bank, and Lisa Homes with SEED for their endless support and hard work. We look forward to many years of success in our new facility caring for the pets in our community in the City Of Champions” – Jeni Mather, President and Owner.

Located at 1014 Pearl Street in Brockton, the massive business expansion JM Pet Resort has accomplished is celebrated and welcomed amongst the Brockton business community. To learn more about JM Pet Resort and JM Pet Vet Clinic, visit jmpetresort.com.

Commercial Real Estate Available in Metro South



FOR SALE: 1208 Montello Street, Brockton, MA 02301
Contact: Doug Crane, Jack Conway
(508) 843-7985 • dcrane@jackconway.com

Zoning Approved for 24 Residential Units Transit-oriented housing development opportunity! This project is steps from the Campello commuter rail station platform and directly across from the newly renovated city park! This is zoning approved for 12 one bedroom & 12 two bedroom units 1-1 parking on ground level...trophy project! Seller will transfer any engineering completed thus far (plans attached). Recently the city of Champions has become the city of opportunities, Brockton's real estate market is experiencing one of the highest property valuation increases in the state and some say its swiftly becoming the new Boston (with its highway access, public transportation systems & train)! This would be a gem in anyone's portfolio! Present your offer & plan today!



FOR SALE: Westgate Business Center, 365 Westgate Drive, Brockton, MA 02301
Contact: Cesar Miranda, Keller Williams Realty • (508) 326-8306 • [www.loopnet.com/Listing/365-Westgate-Dr-Brockton-](http://www.loopnet.com/Listing/365-Westgate-Dr-Brockton-MA/21701467/)

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27,000 SF, 49% Leased, Office Building for sale in Brockton. Sale type: Investment. Property type: office. Property Subtype: Medical. Building Class: C. Year built: 1970. 2 Stories. Typical floor size: 13,500 SF. Zoning: C2-General Commercial. Parking: 100 Spaces (3.48 Spaces per 1,000 SF leased).

Bridgewater State U. 2021 Virtual Career Fairs



During Spring 2021, Bridgewater State University's Career Services will be hosting all career fairs and recruiting events in a virtual format through our Handshake platform. Below is the current programming list:

Spring Virtual Campus Interviews: March 15 – April 30, 2021
Employers can submit their interview request on Handshake. Students will apply by your due date giving you the chance to review resumes and make your selections of interview candidates. You can then schedule your one-on-one interviews via Handshake providing your virtual interview link (Zoom, Teams, etc.) as the “room location” for students. Organizations can reach out to Laurent Troland at: ltroland@bridgew.edu to discuss hybrid/alternate strategies.

Virtual Education Career Fair| Wednesday, June 9th, 3 - 5:30 pm
The BSU Virtual Education Career Fair is a recruiting opportunity for educational organizations including public school districts, charter schools, private and independent schools, and non-profits. This fair allows school hiring personnel to network with top-caliber teacher, counselor, and administrator candidates from Bridgewater State University. With dozens of school districts and 100+ students and alumni in attendance, this is a can't miss recruiting event!

Please note that registration for all interviews and events will be on BSU's Handshake platform, where you will be able to post your opportunities and submit interview and/or event requests. If you have questions about these events or need assistance with setting up a Handshake account, contact BSU Career Services at (508) 531-1328.

Save with Solar; Business-2-Business Opportunity



Single Source Energy Solutions Inc (SSeS) offers- NOW IS THE TIME TO SAVE, BEFORE RATES GO UP!

1. Solar net metering credits for all National Grid customers in Massachusetts-

The program is 100% FREE. The state subsidy is a 10% discount on your monthly electric bill, against the amount of credits utilized. We are looking for any and all commercial businesses to participate (schools, towns, cities and commercial businesses). Maximum amount of credits available per client is 120,000 kilowatts per year (Blocks are 40,000 kilowatts each). The agreement is for 20 years with a 60-180 days "opt out" clause, depending upon size. There has never been an "opt out" clause in the past. It protects any client in case any unforeseen circumstances occur. No credit check. Just sign and start saving. It is that simple.

2. Energy efficiency programs/products-

Commodity management is another program that is 100% FREE. Due to the unpredictability of the energy market, we are highly recommending that all of our clients/prospects enter into a FIXED price contract. Rates are still near all-time lows for gas and electric. Now is the time to let SSeS take a look at your commodities and make sure you are in the right program for your business. SSeS will review everything and come back with recommendations. Everyone saves money! Let me take a free look for you. The process is very non-invasive. SSeS also has several other energy efficiency products, ranging from LED lighting, Air cleaning systems (anti Covid), boiler retrofits and solar projects. There is a cost associated with them, but a good majority of the cost is subsidized by the state and the return on investment is very short. To learn more visit ssesinc.com or contact Philip at pcaliendo@ssesinc.com

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Marvelous Marvin Hagler, Champion Boxer

June 1981, middleweight champion Marvin Hagler holds the championship belt over his head after he defeated Vito Antuofermo in the fifth round of a boxing bout at Boston Garden in Boston.

Boxing legend Marvelous Marvin Hagler, a former Brockton resident, died at the age of 66 on March 13, 2021. The Boxing Hall of Famer and sports icon was known as one of the best middleweight fighters in the sport's history.

Hagler became the undisputed middleweight champion in 1980 and defended the crown 12 times until his defeat against "Sugar" Ray Leonard in 1987. That was Hagler's last professional fight, ending his career with a record of 62-3-2 and 52 KOs. In 1993, Hagler was inducted to the International Boxing Hall of Fame. He was also selected as the fighter of the decade in the 1980s.

Hagler is also remembered for what is often known as the greatest three minutes in the sport: the first round of his fight against Thomas Hearns. Hagler ended up winning that 1985 bout by third-round TKO.

Fighters, promoters and others from the boxing and sports world took to social media to pay their respects to one of the all-time greats,

calling Hagler the "Pride of Brockton".

"The excitement and recognition boxing's great Marvelous Marvin Hagler brought to Brockton will always be remembered. His skill and determination are laudable and will forever be appreciated" said Chris Cooney, Metro South Chamber of Commerce President & CEO.

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Networking Group USA Partners with Chamber



The Metro South Chamber and Networking Group USA have formed a partnership to engage emerging businesses and help them grow. This is a low cost way to network, and in combination with Chamber membership, is great way to grow your

business. Visitors are always welcome. Networking Meetings:

Lakeside Chapter - Meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday every month from 8:30-9:30 AM at Grille 58, 284 Monponsett Street in Halifax.

Easton Area Networking Group USA - Meets the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays 8:30-9:30 AM at StoneForge Grill 10 Roosevelt Circle in South Easton.

Waters Networking Group - Meets the 1st & 3rd Thursdays 8:30-9:30 AM at the Canoe Club Ball Room in West Bridgewater.

To learn more about Networking Group USA and Additional chapters visit networkinggroupusa.com/our-story. For more information about Chamber Membership and Networking Groups contact Marcy at MVenetia@metrosouthchamber.com. Please contact each group for updates on their meetings during COVID-19.

Chamber Affiliation News & Events

To become an affiliate organization of the Chamber, contact Christopher Cooney at (508) 586-0500 x 223 or e-mail chris@metrosouthchamber.com.



The **Bridgewater Business Association (BBA)** promotes unity between local government and the business community and is committed to promoting goodwill among business owners, operating in an ethical manner, and supporting the community they serve. Visit bridgewaterbiz.biz for more information.

The **Stoughton Chamber of Commerce** helps to preserve the community's overall interests and needs. As an advocacy for the business community, the SCC promotes wellness of the entire community through charitable donations, fundraising and scholarship programs for our graduating students. Visit stoughtonma.com for more information.



The **Norwell Chamber of Commerce's** mission is to promote the civic, economic and social welfare of its members and the Town of Norwell. They actively assist the Chamber members with the challenges of business growth, management and entrepreneurship. Visit norwellchamberofcommerce.com for more information.



The **East Bridgewater Business Association (EBBA)** was founded in 1993 "to promote a healthy business environment in East Bridgewater and to provide services to assist its members including education, networking and fellowship." Please visit www.eastbridgewaterbiz.com for more information.



The **Avon Industrial Park Association** is a non-profit group seeking to advance the advocacy and business of its members in public and private affairs. Membership is open to all companies who operate within the confines of Avon Industrial Park in Avon, Massachusetts. For more information please visit avonindustrialpark.org.



Randolph Chamber of Commerce is a not-for-profit corporation founded in 1986 representing businesses in Randolph and the surrounding communities. The chamber provides leadership in fostering business success, growth and development. Visit www.randolphchamberofcommerce.com for more information



The **South Shore Women's Business Network (SSWBN)**, established in 1991, was the inspiration of six women who felt that the needs of women in business were not being met by traditional organizations. They further believed there was a need for an organization that would provide networking opportunities to women and business owners on the South Shore. Visit sswbn.org for more information.



Join the Chamber Now, \$1,000 in Incentives

Becoming a member of the Metro South Chamber of Commerce provides your business opportunities to accelerate its growth. When you join the Chamber, you become a leader within the business community and a member of the region's most dynamic advocacy organization. Membership means potential new business prospects, new savings, access to valuable resources and information, a variety of marketing opportunities, and more, for you and your business. Chamber membership is affordable no matter how small your business, and it provides your business with tremendous opportunity.



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 - FREE** opportunity to promote company in the Action Report
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For more info or to set up an appointment contact Marcy for Membership! Call (508) 586-0500 x 229 or email MVenetia@metrosouthchamber.com.

SEED Corp. Offers Brockton Business Loan Program

South Eastern Economic Development (SEED) Corporation focuses on job creation by financing small business in Massachusetts and Rhode Island through:

- **Micro & Small Loans** up to \$250,000 available at 5-6%
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For more information call (508) 822-1020 x 312 or visit www.seedcorp.com

Own A Small Biz? Thinking of Starting One? Call SCORE!

To succeed, you have to stay ahead of the competition; whether you're looking for a business direction sheet or working to tap into value creation, connect with a SCORE mentor to help you! If you're just starting a business, SCORE mentors can provide the practical action plan, education and tools you need to open your doors and establish a customer base.




Already own a business? Our volunteer mentors can help identify ways to increase profit, improve employee and customer satisfaction, and achieve work/life balance. With SCORE, you can have the honest, confidential and sometimes tough conversations about raising money, motivating your team, marketing your business, and other topics.

Take advantage of their **free** live webinar series! Learn more by visiting www.sema.score.org or by calling (508) 587-2673. Ahead for the month...

- April 6:** The State of the Small Business - 2021 Economic and Labor Market Outlook
- April 8:** Volunteering in 2021 - How it Can Help Small Biz Grow in Your Community
- April 13:** Your Money. Your Business. Your Life. - Funding and Financing Your Black-Owned Business
- April 20:** What the Most Successful Businesses Are Doing in 2021 - Trends
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