

Local Resources

UW Extension – Kewaunee County

<http://kewaunee.uwex.edu>

Please contact Claire Thompson, the UW-Extension Community Development Educator in Kewaunee County, for assistance with business planning and finding resources for starting a new business or expanding an existing business. Claire Thompson can be contacted by phone (920) 388-7136, by email claire.thompson@ces.uwex.edu, or in person at the Kewaunee County Administration Center, located at 810 Lincoln Street in Kewaunee.

Kewaunee County Economic Development Corporation (KCEDC)

<http://www.KCEDC.org>

The Kewaunee County Economic Development Corporation website has information and links for loans and labor training programs, as well as information about business opportunities and available properties. KCEDC Executive Director Jennifer Brown works closely with numerous local, state and federal agencies and has acquired the skills and contacts that enable her to help businesses in search of financial assistance easily cut through any red tape. If you are applying for a grant or loan, we strongly encourage you to contact KCEDC to receive advice to strengthen your application. Email KCEDC at info@kcedc.org or call (920) 487-5233.

Kewaunee County's Revolving Loan Fund Program

http://www.kewauneeco.org/rec/Park_RLF_new/Park%20-%20RLF.htm

This website has information about and the application for the Revolving Loan Fund (RLF). The RLF program was established to create employment opportunities, encourage private investment, and provide a financing alternative for new business start-ups or expanding existing businesses in the county. The RLF program includes interest rates and loan maturities that are designed to encourage business development, while providing for recapitalization and growth of the RLF. Activities eligible for the RLF include purchase, rehabilitation, renovation, or construction of a building; site acquisition and preparation; purchase of equipment; financing and working capital. For additional information, contact Matt Payette at Kewaunee County Promotions & Recreation, phone (920) 388-0444 or email visitorinfo@kewauneeco.org.

Algoma Farm Market Kitchen

<http://www.farmmarketkitchen.com/>

The Farm Market Kitchen incubator is a shared-use commercial kitchen available to residents of Northeast Wisconsin wishing to start or expand a food-related small business. For a small hourly fee, the kitchen incubator provides food entrepreneurs with the resources they need to get their dream off the ground – without having to invest in costly food-processing equipment and maintenance. In addition to kitchen space, the Farm Market Kitchen incubator also provides storage for bulk supplies and packaging, technical support, and business development services. For more information, call (920) 487-9750 or go to <http://www.farmmarketkitchen.com/?id=27036922558>.

Algoma Main Street Program

<http://algomamainstreet.org>

Operated by Community Improvement of Algoma, The Algoma Main Street Program is a comprehensive revitalization program designed to promote the historic and economic redevelopment of its traditional business district. The Algoma Main Street Program offers the opportunity for existing and new business to take advantage of several incentive programs including: sign grants, free design assistance, federal & state rehabilitation tax credit, and small business assistance program. Visit this website for information about available properties and to download a copy of the Algoma Main Street Incentives Brochure.

Buy Local Kewaunee County

<http://buylocalkewauneeconomy.com/>

Local business owners are encouraged to join the Buy Local network. There is no fee to join! The Buy Local network helps ensure that unique, one-of-a-kind businesses survive by providing socialization, encouragement, support, community commitment and shared incentives for keeping profits local. Join by filling out the Kewaunee County Buy Local membership form available on the website or call Jennifer Brown at KCEDC at (920) 487-5233.

Kewaunee County Veteran Service Office

<http://www.kewauneeeco.org/subpages/Departments/Veteran%20Services/website/Veteran%20Services%20First%20Page.htm>

The Kewaunee County Veteran Service Office can provide veterans with access to resources, grants and loans for business ventures. Contact Joe Aulik at (920) 388-7198 or cvso@kewauneeeco.org.

Kewaunee County Workforce Profile

http://dwd.wisconsin.gov/oea/county_profiles/current/kewaunee_profile.pdf

The Kewaunee County Workforce Profile is developed by Wisconsin's Department of Workforce Development. It provides information about population, labor force, trends, wages and income. The latest version from 2011 can be downloaded or viewed from the link above.

Algoma Chamber of Commerce

Phone: (920) 487-2041 Website: www.algoma.org

Kewaunee Chamber of Commerce

Phone: (920) 388-4822 Website: www.kewaunee.org

Luxemburg Chamber of Commerce

Phone: (920) 845-2722 Website: www.luxemburgusa.com/business

State Resources

UW-Green Bay Small Business Development Center

www.uwgb.edu/sbdc

The UW-Green Bay SBDC provides counseling and training programs to new and growing businesses in Northeast Wisconsin. The UW-Green Bay SBDC is located at 2701 Larsen Road in Green Bay. Contact Ryan Kauth at kauthr@uwgb.edu or (920) 496-2117.

The Venture Center

www.venturecenterwi.biz

An entrepreneurship center hybrid joining Fox Valley Technical College and local business leaders to foster business start-up, growth and expansion in the New North.

Wisconsin Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Network

<http://www.wisconsinsbdc.org/sbdc.htm>

The Wisconsin SBDC Network champions entrepreneurial success through business counseling and educational programs to support Wisconsin small business creation and growth. The SBDC has developed a useful guide for *Planning Your New Business* available at this link:

<http://www.wisconsinsbdc.org/DefaultFile/Files/Documents/Start-upPacket-Generic040109.pdf>

Wisconsin Business AnswerLine

<http://www.wisconsinsbdc.org/answerline.htm>

Receive free over-the-phone answers to your business start-up and management questions, call 1-800-940-7232.

Wisconsin Entrepreneur's Network (WEN)

<http://www.wenportal.org/>

The Wisconsin Entrepreneurs' Network (WEN) provides entrepreneurs with access to a statewide network of resources and expertise, identifies high-potential entrepreneurs and helps move their businesses forward, facilitates collaboration between entrepreneurs and between organizations that assist entrepreneurs, and helps create and grow minority-owned businesses. WEN offers up to two free hours of counseling from business lawyers. WEN also offers grant opportunities such as the Early Planning Grant and the Technology Assistance Grant.

Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC)

<http://wedc.org>

The Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation offers a variety of resources for starting or growing your business. One resource is "Locate In Wisconsin," use this site selection tool as your one-stop shop for the most comprehensive information on statewide available sites, buildings, and demographic data. The website also has information about a variety of technical and financial assistance programs, including technology business tax credit programs, assistance for minority and women-owned businesses, and regulatory and advocacy assistance.

Wisconsin Business Development Finance Corporation

<http://www.wbd.org>

The Wisconsin Business Development Finance Corporation was formed to assist small businesses in gaining access to capital in order to grow their businesses, provide job opportunities, and inspire their communities. The WBD provides Small Business Administration 504 loans, which help small businesses secure long-term, fixed-rate financing. WBD also provides consulting and loan packaging services to banks and borrowers.

Wisconsin Business Wizard

<http://ww2.wisconsin.gov/state/wizard/app/LoadIntro>

The Wisconsin Business Wizard is a tool intended to help new business owners determine licensing, permitting and regulatory requirements; obtain necessary application forms; identify available state resources; and access other valuable business-related information. The Wizard uses a five-page question and answer tool to create customized information to help entrepreneurs start and operate a Wisconsin-based business. The Wisconsin.gov site also has additional resources for starting or growing a business in Wisconsin.

Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Corporation

<http://www.wwbic.com>

The Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Corporation (WWBIC) is a statewide economic development corporation that provides quality business education and financing to Wisconsin's entrepreneurs and small business owners. WWBIC offers educational programs, small business loans, and individualized business assistance.

Wisconsin Job Center – Employer Tools

<http://www.wisconsinjobcenter.org/business/default.htm>

Use the Job Center of Wisconsin to [post current job openings](#) and search for candidates for no fee. In addition to recruitment tools, the website offers employee retention strategies, labor market information, staff training programs, and employer assistance in the form of tax credits and hiring incentives.

Federal Resources

US Small Business Administration

<http://www.sba.gov/>

The US Small Business Administration (SBA) is an independent agency of the federal government to aid, counsel, assist and protect the interests of small business concerns, to preserve free competitive enterprise and to maintain and strengthen the overall economy of our nation. The SBA website has information about SBA loans, disaster assistance, free online training courses, laws and regulations relating to small business, and a library of online resources.