

# Minority Business Assistance Centers

The Ohio Development Services Agency (DSA) partners with community-based non-profit organizations to host regional Minority Business Assistance Centers (MBAC). The centers serve the needs of Ohio's small, minority, and socially and economically disadvantaged businesses. The centers provide important services including technical assistance, professional consulting, access to capital and assistance obtaining contract opportunities. A primary objective of the program is to identify emerging businesses and cultivate their growth and sustainability. The realization of this objective will strengthen the minority business community, support job creation and further economic growth in Ohio.

Professional MBAC staff work with owners of existing businesses, certified Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs), certified Encouraging Diversity Growth and Equity (EDGE) and socially and economically disadvantaged businesses. MBEs are defined as businesses that are at least 51 percent or more owned and controlled by one of the following groups: African American, Hispanic, Native American or Asian American. EDGE certified businesses are defined as enterprises that are owned by economically and socially disadvantaged entrepreneurs.

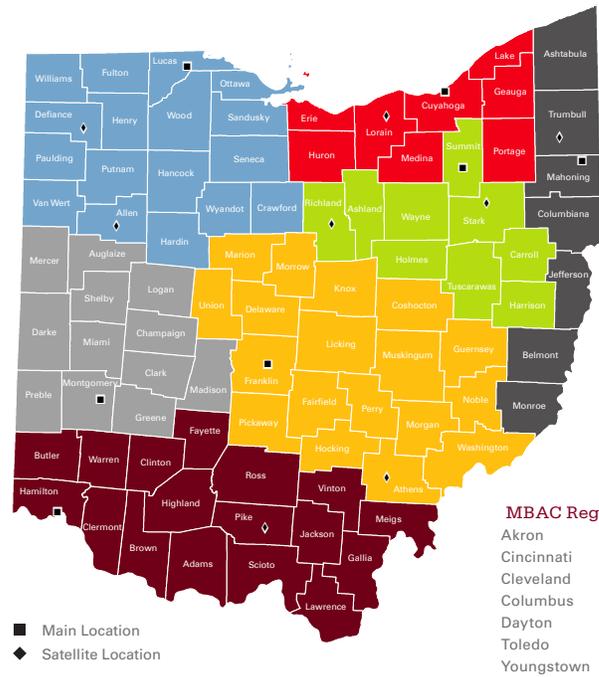


The MBACs provide MBE and EDGE entrepreneurs with management, technical, financial and contract procurement assistance in addition to loan and bond packaging services. These services are available at no cost to businesses located throughout Ohio.

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Akron, Ohio 44307  
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◆ **Richland County**  
North End Community Improvement Collaborative (NECIC)  
134 North Main Street  
Mansfield, Ohio 44902  
(234) 542-4145

◆ **Stark County**  
Walsh University  
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### Cincinnati

■ **Hamilton County**  
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◆ **Pike County**  
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■ **Cuyahoga County**  
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■ **Franklin County**  
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■ **Montgomery County**  
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Lima/Allen County Chamber of Commerce  
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◆ **Defiance County**  
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### Youngstown

■ **Mahoning County**  
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