

BUSINESS COUNSELING

1) MASSACHUSETTS SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER NETWORK (www.msbdc.som.umass.edu)

*Berkshire County Satellite Office 413-499-0933
75 North Street
Suite 360
Pittsfield, MA 01201
Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.*

The Massachusetts Small Business Development Center Network provides free and confidential one-on-one management counseling services to new and existing small businesses. Areas of counseling include business plan development, pre-venture feasibility, marketing, financial planning, cash flow management, loan packaging, record keeping, personnel and training issues, production, and general management for the small business entrepreneur. Training workshops are also available at a reasonable cost. The MSBDC is in partnership with the U.S. Small Business Administration and the Massachusetts Department of Economic Development under a cooperative agreement through the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. (2003 United Way listing)

2) SERVICE CORPS OF RETIRED EXECUTIVES (SCORE)

*c/o Berkshire Chamber of Commerce 413-499-2485
75 North Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201
Hours: by appointment*

Composed of retired and active executives providing business counseling on any small business issues or problems. Over 13,000 volunteers nationwide; sponsored by the Small Business Administration. (2003 Berkshire United Way listing)