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New “Rural Minority Business Enterprise (RMBE) Center” Announcement

Maryland MBDA Business Center Opens Rural Location in Charles County

The *Maryland MBDA Business Center*, Owned & Operated by *L.S. Caldwell & Associates Inc.* under the *U. S. Department of Commerce, Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA)*, in partnership with the *Maryland Business Clergy Partnership* proudly announces the opening of its new ***Maryland Rural MBDA Business Center*** located in Southern Maryland.

The U. S. Department of Commerce, Minority Business Development Agency has awarded twenty-one (21) Rural Supplements to implement programing specifically to support Rural Minority Business Enterprises (RMBEs) across the country. This program is in alignment with the Biden-Harris Administration’s priority of providing technical assistance to rural minority business enterprises with particular emphasis on strengthening the entrepreneurial ecosystem and support for RMBEs. **The Rural Supplement program period is September 1, 2023 – August 31, 2024.**

If you are starting a new business in a rural Maryland County or are an existing rural minority business seeking to grow or expand your company, connect with expert *Business Development Specialists*, industry leaders and *Strategic Resource Partners* at the Maryland Rural MBDA Business Center located at: **204 Washington Avenue, LaPlata, Maryland 20646.**

RMBE Services include but are not limited to:

- Technical Assistance
- One-on-one Consulting
- Government Contracting Training & Education

- Contract & Procurement Opportunities
- Access to Capital & Bonding
- Minority Business Certification Assistance
- B2B & B2G Networking

Maryland Rural MBDA Center Service Area:

Allegany, Caroline, Carroll, Cecil Charles, Calvert, Dorchester, Frederick, Garrett, Harford, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, St. Mary's Talbot, Washington, Wicomico and Worcester

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