



-Alliance for Manufacturing and Technology (<http://www.amt-mep.org>)

Assists manufacturing and technology-based start-ups in the Southern Tier with Lean Enterprise Services, project management, process analysis and improvement, high-tech start-ups, grants, TWI (Training Within Industry), business assessments, strategic planning, sales/marketing, ISO (International Standardization Organization) Quality Systems, management operations, and SEA (Supplier Excellence Alliance).

-Chemung County Industrial Development (<http://www.chemungcountyida.com>)

Provides tax incentives, financing and related benefits (including Industrial Revenue Bonds; real property, sales tax and mortgage abatement; and low interest loans) to projects that will positively impact the community.

-Chemung SCORE Chapter 341 (<http://www.chemungvalley.scorechapter.org>)

Administers free and confidential business advice and counseling. Also offers workshops, for a modest fee, for both start-up and in-business entrepreneurs.

-Corning Community College Small Business Development Center

(<http://www.nyssbdc.org/centers>)

Helps businesses understand the importance of a business plan, discover sources of funding, prepare for e-commerce, identify avenues for exporting goods and services, develop marketing plans, assess an invention's viability, and comply with licensing and regulations.

-Elmira Downtown Development (<http://www.elmiradowntown.com>)

Coordinates events and programs to continually strengthen and enliven Elmira's downtown business community.



-Empire State Development (<http://www.empire.state.ny.us>)

Dispenses hands-on technical assistance to help big and small businesses meet their goals. Guides companies toward the financial assistance that will most benefit their business (including direct loans, loan guarantees, and grants that can help reduce the costs of undertaking job creation or retention projects in the state).

-Governor's Office of Regulatory Reform (www.gorr.state.ny.us)

Aids the state in writing improved rules and regulations. Also supports small businesses through a Business Permit Assistance unit and by fostering upstate development with Build Now-NY and Shovel Ready programs, which help "pre-permit" sites to enable rapid commercial development.

-Online Permit Assistance and Licensing (www.nys-opal.com)

Helps individuals find the New York State business permits they might need. Also provides a "Starting a Business" brochure that contains general filing information, business structures, tax requirements and employer responsibilities in the state.

-Regional Economic Development and Energy Corporation of the Southern Tier Central Region (<http://www.redec.us>)

Makes financial and technical assistance available to start-up and expanding businesses, including restructuring existing debt; reviewing financial statements; assisting with paperwork to obtain funding; and working with local lenders.

-Southern Tier Economic Growth (<http://www.steg.com>)

STEG is a public-private economic development agency that helps actualize business plans in Chemung County. Also serves as the staff to the Chemung County Industrial Development Agency and administers the City of Elmira Commercial Loan Program.



-Southern Tier Regional Planning and Development Board (www.stcplanning.org)

Works with local government, economic and community development organizations, and human services agencies to bring millions of dollars to the region. Also administers accounting, computer, flood, grant, planning, and water quality technical assistance; stormwater management; and geographic information services.

-U.S. Small Business Administration (<http://www.sba.gov>)

Provides small businesses with access to capital, entrepreneurial development, government contracting, and advocacy. Also features a comprehensive online guide for both starting and managing a business.

-Women's Business Center of New York State (<http://nywbc.org>)

Assists women with a range of business skills and through ongoing technical assistance. Can help with starting a business, growing an established business, generating sustainable profits, creating jobs and contributing to the economic success of the community.

-Worker Ownership Resource Center ([607-737-5212](tel:607-737-5212))

Helps individuals, especially women and minorities, succeed in business, even if they have little or no prior experience. Provides individualized technical assistance as well as formal classroom training to aspiring entrepreneurs and first-time business owners to help them develop skills and access capital.