

ACCELERATING GROWTH OF MINORITY, WOMEN & VETERAN OWNED ENTERPRISE

Business Inclusion at the **Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce** is comprised of several economic development initiatives which seek to grow our economy and strengthen area business by leveraging the Dayton region's diverse assets. Economic Inclusion creates access for all businesses – access to coaching & counseling, access to capital, and access to customers. Removing access barriers for minority-, women- and veteran-owned businesses enhances the economic vibrancy for the Dayton Region resulting in job creation and economic growth.

BUSINESS INCLUSION PROGRAM

MBP 20/40 SUPPLIER DIVERSITY INITIATIVE

The **Minority Business Partnership (MBP)** is an economic development initiative which helps grow our economy and strengthen area businesses by leveraging the Dayton region's minority assets. MBP creates supply chain opportunities for local businesses by pairing diverse businesses with large buying organizations within the region. MBP strategically focuses on two specific areas for building inclusion: capacity and creating connections in our region. In order to make those connections, MBP strives to identify our community's largest buying organizations and its sizable minority suppliers. This model engages the firms most ready to do business together.

The Minority Business Assistance Center (MBAC) identifies and supports emerging diverse-owned businesses to cultivate their growth and sustainability. Supporting these businesses means providing them with resources that include technical & professional assistance, access to capital, surety bonding, and connection to business opportunities through the assistance of the MBAC.

ESP is a program dedicated to advancing technology and technology-enabled startup and scale-up companies. The Entrepreneurial Services Provider Program (ESP), is led by the Entrepreneurs' Center in partnership with the State of Ohio and the Ohio Third Frontier Commission. MBP recruits and advocates for minority, women, rural, and veteran businesses in the Greater Dayton region.



NATIONAL COHORT ACCELERATORS:

National projects designed to provide unique and innovative programming to support diverse businesses:

Dedicated to increasing equity and inclusion within the veteran and military community, **Project Accelerate** is a national training program providing training and coaching to assist businesses scale within the commercial and governmental sectors leveraging national supplier diversity partners to maximize contracting opportunities.



Project Engenuity was designed to accelerate and empower Black, Latinx & women innovators. Led by the Minority Business Partnership and in collaboration with the Entrepreneurs' Center (EC), Project Engenuity participants receive expert training, which supports their application for necessary funding via Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) awards.



To learn more, visit daytonchamber.org/services/chamber-programs/minority-business-partnership

