

Community Celebrates Grand Opening of New MEC-CBP Offices



Cutting Ceremony for our new facility located at **6564 Loisdale Court, Suite 600, Springfield, VA 22150**. Our phone number remains the same - 703.768.1440.



For 22 years, Community Business Partnership (CBP) has been known as the one-stop resource for small business in Fairfax County and beyond. As our programs and services have grown over the years, so has our need for additional space. On January 11th, the CBP staff was joined by civic and business leaders, sponsors, volunteers and clients for the official Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for our new facility located at **6564 Loisdale Court, Suite 600, Springfield, VA 22150**. Our phone number remains the same - 703.768.1440.

We would especially like to thank: the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority (FCEDA) for helping us find just the right space for our needs, David Lupton (Ezra Company) for handling our lease negotiations and Debbie Dever (CBP Business Incubation Center Director) for overseeing the build-out, furnishing and move to our amazing new space (and coordinating the Grand Opening!).

CBP is the umbrella organization for five distinct, yet complementary, programs: the Women's Business Center, the Small Business Development Center and Veterans Business Outreach Center are SBA-sponsored resource partners that work in conjunction with the Business Finance Center and Business Incubation Center to provide a wide range of services including training, technical assistance, networking events, and access to facilities and capital geared to meet the needs of today's small business owners. We are a non-profit organization and a sponsored program of the Mason Enterprise Center at George Mason University.



Our beautiful new facility includes three training rooms, three conference rooms, an office-for-the-day, co-working space, an expanded business incubation center, office space and other accommodations for long-term use – all at rates designed to keep your business overhead expenses under control. We are also excited to be adding video teleconferencing capability to support our distance learning initiatives throughout Northern Virginia, Washington, D.C., Maryland and Puerto Rico and The U.S. Virgin Islands.

Additionally, CBP was recently designated as a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) which means we will be able to expand our affordable lending services to help more low-income, low-wealth, and other disadvantaged people and communities join the economic mainstream.



Our next big event will be the 12th Annual Veterans in Business (VIB) Conference to be held on Thursday, March 23rd at the Army-Navy Country Club in Arlington. The VIB provides inspiring speakers,

educational workshops, exhibitors, and networking and business opportunities for members of the military community. Details and registration at <http://www.veteransbusinessconference.org/>

For more information about Community Business Partnership, please visit our website at www.cbponline.org. The best way to get started working with CBP is to attend one of our free one hour small business resources orientation so that you are aware of all of the resources our center can provide - all at low or no cost. You can register for any of these orientations at <http://www.cbponline.org/Business-Training/Class-Calendar.aspx>