

# Cook County Early Warning Network

## Does Your Business Need Help Surviving and Growing Stronger Amidst A Pandemic?

The Cook County Bureau of Economic Development and The Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership's Manufacturing Renaissance are collaborating to support manufacturing companies in suburban Cook County during these challenging times through the Cook County Early Warning Network (CCEWN). First launched in 2020, the CCEWN successfully drives collaboration across the region's critical manufacturing base to identify small and mid-size enterprises (SMEs) facing financial challenges and help them find the best path forward.

The program assists distressed manufacturing SMEs by providing them turnaround and refinance services at no cost. Early Warning Services help businesses identify, evaluate, and address the immediate issues that threaten their livelihood and continued success.

Family and closely held businesses can receive no-cost succession planning to help business owners plan ahead for ownership and leadership succession.

### THE PROGRAM

The program offers confidential services at no cost to manufacturing companies in Suburban Cook County. Services are provided by independent advisors with a track record of success helping businesses maximize opportunities and grow stronger.

### SERVICES AVAILABLE

- Restructuring Finances
- Transitioning Ownership
- Finding New Markets
- Streamlining Operations
- Achieving a High-Performance Workplace

### THE PROCESS

This program helps business owners solve financial and operational challenges and plan for future growth. The advisor and business owner work together to identify the best path forward for the business.

Typically, the process follows these steps and the work product is delivered within 2-6 weeks:

1. Initial meeting to introduce services and gather information.
2. Second meeting to align on scope of work and expectations.
3. Written agreement that outlines aligned details.
4. Signed agreement to begin doing the work.
5. Delivery of work product with a meeting to review findings.

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Case studies and references available upon request.

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