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A QUICK
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OF BUSINESS
SERVICES IN
PAWTUCKET

PAWTUCKET'S BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Welcome to Pawtucket

Just minutes off Interstate 95, Pawtucket's government, business and tourism centers are conveniently situated where the Blackstone River runs into the tumbling Pawtucket Falls. In the new millennium, Pawtucket, like the falls is a City of Creativity.

Major revitalization projects have cleaned up the river, provided new docks and office buildings. Indeed, the City has reclaimed its heritage as "the place by the waterfall". This heritage of 72,172 Pawtucket residents is a distinguished place in American History as one of the most important textile manufacturing centers of the 19th century.

In 1793, Samuel Slater constructed and operated the first cotton spinning machine in America at the Slater Mill site by harnessing both the Blackstone River and the waterfall's power. Thus, Slater's Arkwright Spinning Mill helped generate the nation's industrial revolution.

Throughout the 19th and most of the 20th century, Pawtucket was a key force in textiles as well as other manufacturing. Today, a number of specialty textile companies still produce delicate laces, non-woven and elastic woven materials in Pawtucket.

Furthermore, both nationally and internationally renowned companies house their operations in Pawtucket: Hasbro Inc., a worldwide leader in children's and family entertainment, Collette Tours, the world's largest tour package company, and Morris Nathanson Design, the award winning hotel/restaurant designer.

These corporations, along with 300 diversified industries; over 1,000 commercial enterprises and a thriving Arts community have all chosen to locate in Pawtucket because of its business-friendly environment.

If you are considering relocating your business to Pawtucket or expanding your existing Pawtucket-based business, you will find this brochure with helpful phone numbers a valuable resource. For more information, please contact:

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CITY OF PAWTUCKET

(All area codes are 401 except where otherwise noted.)

728-0500

PERMITS, INSPECTIONS AND TAXES

Zoning/Code Enforcement	Ext. 254
Business License Information	Ext. 225
Engineering Department	Ext. 241
Planning/Economic Development	Ext. 430
Public Works Department	Ext. 236
Taxes	Ext. 218
Collections	Ext. 200

CITY SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Water Department	725-9492
General Police Services	727-9100
Police Emergency Services	726-3911
Fire Department	725-1422
Sanitation Department	728-0500, Ext. 282
Recycling	728-0500, Ext. 213

BUSINESS ASSISTANCE

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

Information on Federal Tax and Federal Tax ID Numbers. 1-800-829-1040

BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

Provides information to businesses, consumers and for mediation of customer complaints.

508-652-4800

NEW ENGLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Economic Development Information for small businesses and communities. 658-0665

NORTHERN RI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Your business needs our business. 334-1000

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

Information on job safety and health enforcement issues. 528-4669

RI DIVISION OF TAXATION

For permits and taxes:

574-8935 (Income Tax) • 574-8955 (Sales Tax)

RHODE ISLAND MANUFACTURING EXTENSION SERVICES

Lighting the way to improved competitiveness. 270-8896

SECRETARY OF STATE'S BUSINESS INFORMATION CENTER

Provides all information that is necessary to ensure compliance with government regulations. 222-2185

SMALL BUSINESS ADVOCACY COUNCIL

Brings together leaders of public and private sector to address small business needs. 222-2371

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

For information on Social Security. 724-9611

U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE

Information if you plan to import. 941-6326

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Information if you plan to export. 528-5104

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

To obtain form I-9 information. 800-375-5283

COMMERCIAL LENDING

For more information pertaining to loans for working capital, real estate and for equipment purchase, call:

ALLIANCE BLACKSTONE VALLEY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION	722-8236
BANK OF AMERICA	278-6244
BANK OF RHODE ISLAND	456-5015
BRISTOL COUNTY SAVINGS BANK	722-3679
CITIZENS BANK	722-7065
FREEDOM NATIONAL BANK	949-1600
NAVIGANT CREDIT UNION	233-4300
PAWTUCKET CREDIT UNION	722-2212
ROCKLAND TRUST	508-675-0898
SEED CORP	508-822-1020
SOVEREIGN BANK	728-5400
TD BANK	431-4057
U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	
For listings of RI SBA Participating Commercial Lenders and SBA Loan Information	528-4561
WEBSTER BANK	727-6701

EMPLOYER SERVICES

NETWORK RI	
Where people and jobs connect.	721-1800

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

EXPORT REVOLVING LINE OF CREDIT PROGRAM

SBA guarantees up to 90% of bank line of credit for qualifying export companies. **617-565-4305**

OCEAN STATE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, INC.

Assistance with SBA and locally funded loan programs. **454-4560**

PAWTUCKET'S BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (PBDC)

Low interest loans to Pawtucket businesses or businesses relocating to Pawtucket. **724-5200**

PAWTUCKET REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY (PRA)

Low interest loans for rehabilitation of commercial property. **724-5200**

RI ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION'S SMALL BUSINESS LOAN PROGRAM

Loans for expanding businesses. **278-9100**

U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Resources to start, grow, and finance a small business. **528-4561**

NEWSPAPERS

PAWTUCKET TIMES	722-4000
VALLEY BREEZE	334-9555
PROVIDENCE BUSINESS NEWS	273-2201
PROVIDENCE JOURNAL	277-7000

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

CENTER FOR WOMEN AND ENTERPRISE

Technical assistance for financing. **277-0800**

RI DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGULATION

For questions relating to Workers Compensation. **462-9500**

EXECUTIVE DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Non-credit courses/seminars in Professional Development at Bryant University. **232-6200**

EXPORT ASSISTANCE CENTER

International export, training, consulting, and data services at Bryant University. **232-6407**

RI COMMERCE CORPORATION

Statewide economic information and referral. **278-9100**

SCORE-ACE OF RHODE ISLAND

Free advice from retired executives. **528-4561**

SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER

No fee business consulting for existing businesses in the areas of marketing, finance, management and business planning. **263-5124**

UTILITIES

NATIONAL GRID ELECTRIC	1-800-322-3223
NATIONAL GRID GAS	831-8800
PAWTUCKET WATER SUPPLY BOARD	725-9492
COX CABLE/RHODE ISLAND	243-1900
NARRAGANSETT BAY COMMISSION	461-8848