

# CONNECTICUT'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CATALOGUE

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# Foreword

Connecticut has a lot to offer, and AdvanceCT is here to ensure you can access all its benefits. The 2022 Connecticut Economic Development Catalogue is the first step towards compiling all the incredible resources available in Connecticut into a single document.

Through our Business Retention and Expansion (BRE) program, site selection assistance, advocacy, and talent programs, we are advancing businesses and working hand-in-hand with companies investing in our great state. From business support and workforce development to makerspaces and industry associations, there are resources for every organization looking to continue to grow and thrive in Connecticut.

*Editor's Note: This catalogue is subject to further revision as organizations are added, removed or updated according to new information. Please pardon any omissions in this first edition as we work towards a more comprehensive catalogue.*

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# STATE AGENCIES

**Connecticut's state department and agencies provide a variety of administrative services that affect Connecticut residents and organizations.**



# STATE AGENCIES

Name	Description	Location
<b>Department of Administrative Services</b>	<p>The Department of Administrative Services (DAS) consists of several distinct programs, which are listed below. The common purpose linking all of the different programs together is our commitment to providing timely, fair, competent, cost-effective services that address the needs of state agencies, municipalities, private industry, and the public. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a></p>	Hartford
<b>Department of Agriculture</b>	<p>The mission of the Department of Agriculture (DOAG) is to foster a healthy economic, environmental and social climate for agriculture by developing, promoting, and regulating agricultural businesses; protecting agricultural and aquacultural resources; enforcing laws pertaining to domestic animals; and promoting an understanding among the state's citizens of the diversity of Connecticut agriculture, its cultural heritage and its contribution to the state's economy. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a></p>	Hartford
<b>Department of Banking</b>	<p>The Connecticut Department of Banking (DOB) is the primary state regulator for state-chartered banks and credit unions, securities, and consumer credit. Its mission is to protect users of financial services from unlawful or improper practices by ensuring regulated entities and individuals adhere to state banking, consumer credit and securities laws. The Department accomplishes this through regular, thorough, and cost-effective examinations of the entities it supervises. The Department also engages the public and other stakeholders through a variety of media platforms, educational outreach initiatives, and press communications. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a></p>	Hartford
<b>Department of Economic and Community Development</b>	<p>The Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) is the state's lead agency responsible for strengthening Connecticut's competitive position in the rapidly changing, knowledge-based global economy. The agency takes a comprehensive approach to economic development that incorporates community development, transportation, education, and arts and culture. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a></p>	Hartford

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Name	Description	Location
<b>Department of Energy and Environmental Protection</b>	The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) is charged with conserving, improving and protecting the natural resources and the environment of the state of Connecticut as well as making cheaper, cleaner and more reliable energy available for the people and businesses of the state. The agency is also committed to playing a positive role in fostering a sustainable and prosperous economic future for the state. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Hartford
<b>Department of Housing</b>	The Department of Housing (DOH) strengthens and revitalizes communities by promoting affordable housing opportunities. DOH seeks to eliminate homelessness and to catalyze the creation and preservation of quality, affordable housing to meet the needs of all individuals and families statewide to ensure that Connecticut continues to be a great place to live and work. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Hartford
<b>Department of Labor</b>	The Department of Labor (DOL) is committed to protecting and promoting the interests of Connecticut workers. In order to accomplish this in an ever-changing environment, we assist workers and employers to become competitive in the global economy. We take a comprehensive approach to meeting the needs of workers and employers, and the other agencies that serve them. We ensure the supply of high-quality integrated services that serve the needs of our customers. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Wethersfield
<b>Department of Revenue Services</b>	The mission of the Department of Revenue Services (DRS) is to instill public confidence in the integrity and fairness of tax collection; achieve the highest level of voluntary taxpayer compliance; continuously improve agency performance; contribute to the fiscal and economic well-being of the state; and provide a positive and professional workplace. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Hartford

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Name	Description	Location
<b>Department of Transportation</b>	The mission of the Connecticut Department of Transportation (DOT) is to provide a safe and efficient intermodal transportation network that improves the quality of life and promotes economic vitality for the State and the region. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Newington
<b>Office of the Governor</b>	The Office of the Governor supports the sitting Governor of Connecticut in the execution of their duties. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Hartford
<b>Office of Policy and Management</b>	The Office of Policy and Management (OPM) functions as the Governor's staff agency and plays a central role in state government, providing the information and analysis used to formulate public policy for the State and assisting State agencies and municipalities in implementing policy decisions on the Governor's behalf. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Wethersfield
<b>Office of the Secretary of the State</b>	The Secretary of the State (SOTS) is designated by the Constitution and General Statutes of Connecticut as the official keeper of a wide array of public records and documents. The office is a vital source of information regarding various businesses, commercial lenders, elections, legislation, regulations and other areas, and responds to more than 600,000 requests for information annually. It also publishes, distributes and sells the State Register and Manual and other publications. Connecticut law makes the Secretary of the State responsible for the administration of many aspects of business law including the approval of all certificates of incorporation, organization and dissolution, as well as annual and biennial reports. Trademarks are registered here as well. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Hartford

## Additional Resources

Whether you are looking to start a business or are an existing business—regardless of type or size—seeking business support and other services, see the state of Connecticut's One Stop for doing business here. [» WEBSITE](#)

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NONPROFITS & BUSINESS SUPPORT

**Connecticut has a vibrant ecosystem of non-profits that support economic, community and business development.**



# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NONPROFITS

Name	Description	Category	Location
<b>AdvanceCT</b>	AdvanceCT is a private nonprofit economic development corporation that drives job creation and new capital investment in Connecticut through business attraction, retention, and expansion efforts, in close cooperation with state, regional and local partners. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Economic Development	New Haven
<b>The Black Business Alliance (BBA)</b>	BBA is a non-profit membership organization which seeks to empower, guide, promote, enhance, collaborate and grow small and medium-sized black and minority businesses throughout Connecticut and nationally by addressing the gap in business access to funding, educational resources and capacity building. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Business Support	New Haven
<b>Bradley Development League (The League)</b>	The League is a consortium of the towns of East Granby, Suffield, Windsor, and Windsor Locks and the Connecticut Airport Authority (CAA) that markets the Bradley International Airport and surrounding region for economic development purposes. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Economic Development	Windsor
<b>Connecticut Business &amp; Industry Association (CBIA)</b>	CBIA is the voice of business in Connecticut, with thousands of member companies championing change at the State Capitol, shaping debate about economic competitiveness, and fighting for a better future for all. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Advocacy	Hartford
<b>Connecticut Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA)</b>	CRDA stimulates housing development, venue management, collaborative rebranding and the facilitation of redevelopment projects in contiguous towns around Hartford. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Development Authority	Hartford

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Name	Description	Category	Location
<b>Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology (CCAT)</b>	CCAT is an applied technology demonstration and training center that validates, demonstrates, and assists with the adoption of leading-edge technologies into global industrial companies and the advanced manufacturing supply chain. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Business Support	East Hartford
<b>Connecticut Community Nonprofit Alliance (The Alliance)</b>	The Alliance is the statewide association of community nonprofits in Connecticut. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Advocacy	Hartford
<b>Connecticut Council of Small Towns (COST)</b>	COST is a member-driven organization committed to giving Connecticut's smaller communities a strong voice in the legislative process. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Advocacy	West Hartford
<b>Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM)</b>	CCM is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Advocacy	New Haven
<b>Connecticut Main Street Center</b>	Connecticut Main Street Center is the coordinating program in Connecticut for Main Street America dedicated to revitalizing downtowns as the cornerstone of thriving communities. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Advocacy	Hartford
<b>Connecticut Procurement Technical Assistance Center (CPTAC)</b>	CPTAC provides one-on-one counseling at no cost, identifies and explains government contracting opportunities at federal, state and local levels, and advises businesses on how to find, pursue and manage government contracts. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Business Support	Groton

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Name	Description	Category	Location
<b>CT Small Business Development Center (CTSBDC)</b>	CTSBDC provides business advising to small business owners and entrepreneurs to start, grow and thrive in Connecticut. Their Business Advisors offer professional, confidential, and expert business advice for owners to overcome challenges and reach their goals. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Business Support	New Haven
<b>CONNSTEP</b>	CONNSTEP is Connecticut's leading business consulting firm for advanced manufacturing. Focused on identifying opportunities for growth, improving productivity, and ensuring clients remain competitive in evolving market conditions. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Business Support	Hartford
<b>CTNext</b>	CTNext provides direct assistance in terms of capital, mentorship, networking, and skills development. They also serve as a catalyst in the evolution of an "innovation ecosystem"—a community of entrepreneurs and a network of resources, programs, and institutions. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Business Support	Hartford
<b>Economic Development Association (CEDAS)</b>	CEDAS is a not-for-profit membership organization committed to advancing the practice and process of economic development in Connecticut. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Professional Development	New Haven
<b>Greater New England Minority Supplier Development Council (GNEMSDC)</b>	GNEMSDC was incorporated in 1975 with a mission of expanding business opportunities for Minority Business Enterprises (MBEs) and creating mutually beneficial connections between corporate companies and MBEs. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Business Support	Bridgeport

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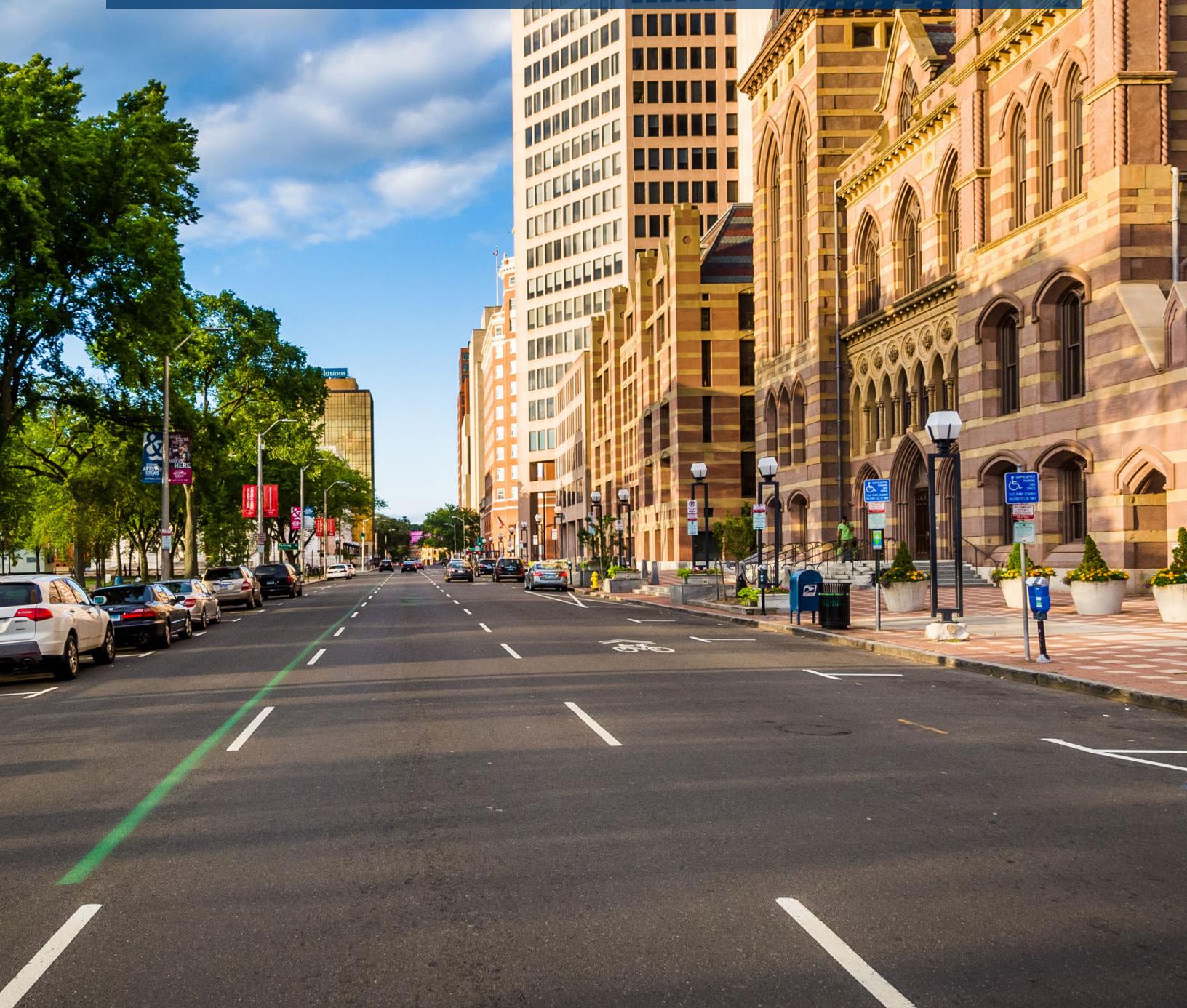
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<b>Meriden Economic Development Corporation (MEDCO)</b>	MEDCO is a non-profit economic development corporation comprised of local business, community and municipal leaders in the greater Meriden region. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Economic Development	Meriden
<b>MetroHartford Alliance (MHA)</b>	MHA is an investor-based economic development partnership focused on business development and growth, retaining and attracting jobs and talent in targeted sectors, ensuring a strong urban core, and promoting the Hartford Region. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Economic Development	Hartford
<b>REX Development</b>	REX was formed as the economic development entity for the fifteen towns served by the South Central Regional Council of Government (SCRCOG). <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Economic Development	New Haven
<b>Southeastern Connecticut Enterprise Region (seCTer)</b>	seCTer is a private, non-profit economic development organization primarily serving the businesses, residents and municipalities of New London County and the Town of Windham. Some services are statewide. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Economic Development	New London
<b>SCORE</b>	SCORE is a nonprofit resource partner of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) that provides confidential business advice through its network of 10,000 volunteer business experts. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Business Support	Hartford
<b>Spanish American Merchants Association (SAMA)</b>	SAMA was created to assist business people, in particular, Latinos, to acquire a better understanding of economic principles. Technical assistance is provided to promote business expansion, job creation, and new entrepreneurship. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Business Support	New Haven

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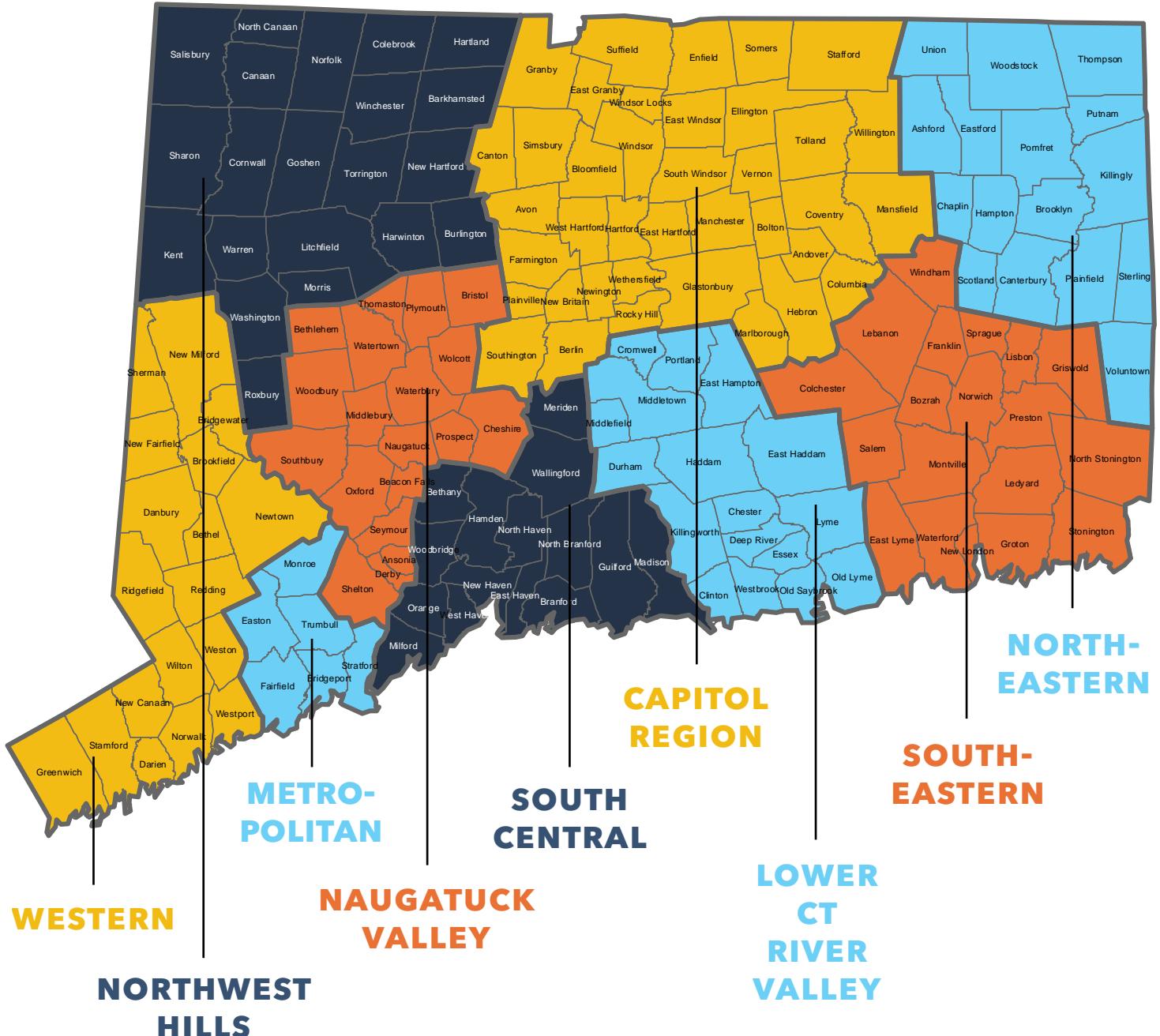
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<b>The Stamford Partnership</b>	The Stamford Partnership is a non-profit focused on improving the quality of life for Stamford's residents, workforce, businesses, and stakeholders through economic and community development. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Economic Development	Stamford
<b>StamfordNext</b>	StamfordNext is a non-profit collaborative created to generate economic growth in Stamford, Connecticut, by investing in the city's innovation and entrepreneurial ecosystem. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Economic Development	Stamford
<b>U.S. Commercial Service Middletown</b>	The U.S. Commercial Service in Middletown serves U.S. exporters throughout the entire state of Connecticut. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Business Support	Middletown
<b>Waterbury Development Corporation (WDC)</b>	WDC is the City of Waterbury's designated non-profit economic development and community organization. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Economic Development	Waterbury
<b>Women's Business Development Council (WBDC)</b>	Founded in 1997, the Women's Business Development Council (WBDC) is one of over 120 SBA supported women's business centers nationwide. WBDC helps clients increase productivity, maximize preparation, earn money, and continue to achieve their personal and professional business dreams. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Business Support	Stamford

# COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENT

**Connecticut's nine planning regions provide a geographic framework within which municipalities can jointly address common interests and coordinate such interests with state plans and programs.**



# Regional Councils of Government in Connecticut



# COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENT

Name	Geography	Location
<b>Capitol Region</b>	Andover, Avon, Berlin, Bloomfield, Bolton, Canton, Columbia, Coventry, East Granby, East Hartford, East Windsor, Ellington, Enfield, Farmington, Glastonbury, Granby, Hartford, Hebron, Manchester, Mansfield, Marlborough, New Britain, Newington, Plainville, Rocky Hill, Simsbury, Somers, South Windsor, Southington, Stafford, Suffield, Tolland, Vernon, West Hartford, Wethersfield, Willington, Windsor, Windsor Locks » <a href="#">WEBSITE</a>	Hartford
<b>Connecticut Metropolitan</b>	Bridgeport, Easton, Fairfield, Monroe, Stratford, Trumbull » <a href="#">WEBSITE</a>	Bridgeport
<b>Lower Connecticut River Valley</b>	Chester, Clinton, Cromwell, Deep River, Durham, East Haddam, East Hampton, Essex, Haddam, Killingworth, Lyme, Middlefield, Middletown, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, Portland, Westbrook » <a href="#">WEBSITE</a>	Essex
<b>Naugatuck Valley</b>	Ansonia, Beacon Falls, Bethlehem, Bristol, Cheshire, Derby, Middlebury, Naugatuck, Oxford, Plymouth, Prospect, Seymour, Shelton, Southbury, Thomaston, Waterbury, Watertown, Wolcott, Woodbury » <a href="#">WEBSITE</a>	Waterbury
<b>Northeastern Connecticut</b>	Ashford, Brooklyn, Canterbury, Chaplin, Eastford, Hampton, Killingly, Plainfield, Pomfret, Putnam, Scotland, Sterling, Thompson, Union, Voluntown, Woodstock » <a href="#">WEBSITE</a>	Dayville
<b>Northwest Hills</b>	Barkhamsted, Burlington, Canaan, Colebrook, Cornwall, Goshen, Hartland, Harwinton, Kent, Litchfield, Morris, New Hartford, Norfolk, North Canaan, Roxbury, Salisbury, Sharon, Torrington, Warren, Washington, Winchester » <a href="#">WEBSITE</a>	Goshen
<b>South Central Regional Council of Governments</b>	Bethany, Branford, East Haven, Guilford, Hamden, Madison, Meriden, Milford, New Haven, North Branford, North Haven, Orange, Wallingford, West Haven, Woodbridge » <a href="#">WEBSITE</a>	North Haven

# COUNCILS OF GOVERNMENT

Name	Geography	Location
<b>Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments</b>	Bozrah, Colchester, East Lyme, Franklin, Griswold, Town of Groton, City of Groton, Borough of Jewett City, Lebanon, Ledyard, Lisbon, Montville, New London, North Stonington, Norwich, Preston, Salem, Sprague, Town of Stonington, Borough of Stonington, Waterford, Windham <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Norwich
<b>Western Connecticut</b>	Bethel, Bridgewater, Brookfield, Danbury, Darien, Greenwich, New Canaan, New Fairfield, New Milford, Newtown, Norwalk, Redding, Ridgefield, Sherman, Stamford, Weston, Westport, Wilton <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Sandy Hook

# REGIONAL CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

**Connecticut has six regional networks of local chambers of commerce that assist with making connections, improving quality of life, and supporting business growth in the state.**



# CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE

Name	Geography	Location
<b>Bridgeport Regional Business Council</b>	Three Chamber of Commerce Affiliates: Bridgeport, Stratford and Trumbull Chambers of Commerce <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Bridgeport
<b>Central Connecticut Chambers</b>	Bristol, Burlington, Farmington, Plymouth, Wolcott <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Bristol
<b>Eastern Connecticut Chamber</b>	Ashford, Bozrah, Brooklyn, Canterbury, Chaplin, Colchester, Columbia, Coventry, East Lyme, Eastford, Franklin, Griswold, Groton (town), Groton City, Hampton, Killingly, Lebanon, Ledyard, Lisbon, Lyme, Mansfield, Montville, New London, North Stonington, Norwich, Old Lyme, Plainfield, Pomfret, Preston, Putnam, Salem, Scotland, Sprague, Sterling, Stonington, Thompson, Union, Voluntown, Waterford, Willington, Windham, and Woodstock, with many other boroughs and villages in between <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Waterford
<b>Greater New Haven Chamber</b>	Bethany, Branford, Cheshire, East Haven, Guilford, Hamden, Madison, Milford, New Haven, North Branford, North Haven, Orange, Wallingford, West Haven, Woodbridge <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	New Haven
<b>Middlesex County Chamber</b>	Chester, Cromwell, Deep River, Durham, East Haddam, East Hampton, Essex, Haddam, Killingworth, Middlefield, Middletown, Portland, Westbrook <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Middletown
<b>Waterbury Regional Chamber</b>	Beacon Falls, Bethlehem, Cheshire, Middlebury, Naugatuck, Oakville, Oxford, Prospect, Southbury, Thomaston, Waterbury, Watertown, Wolcott, Woodbury <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Waterbury

## Additional Resources

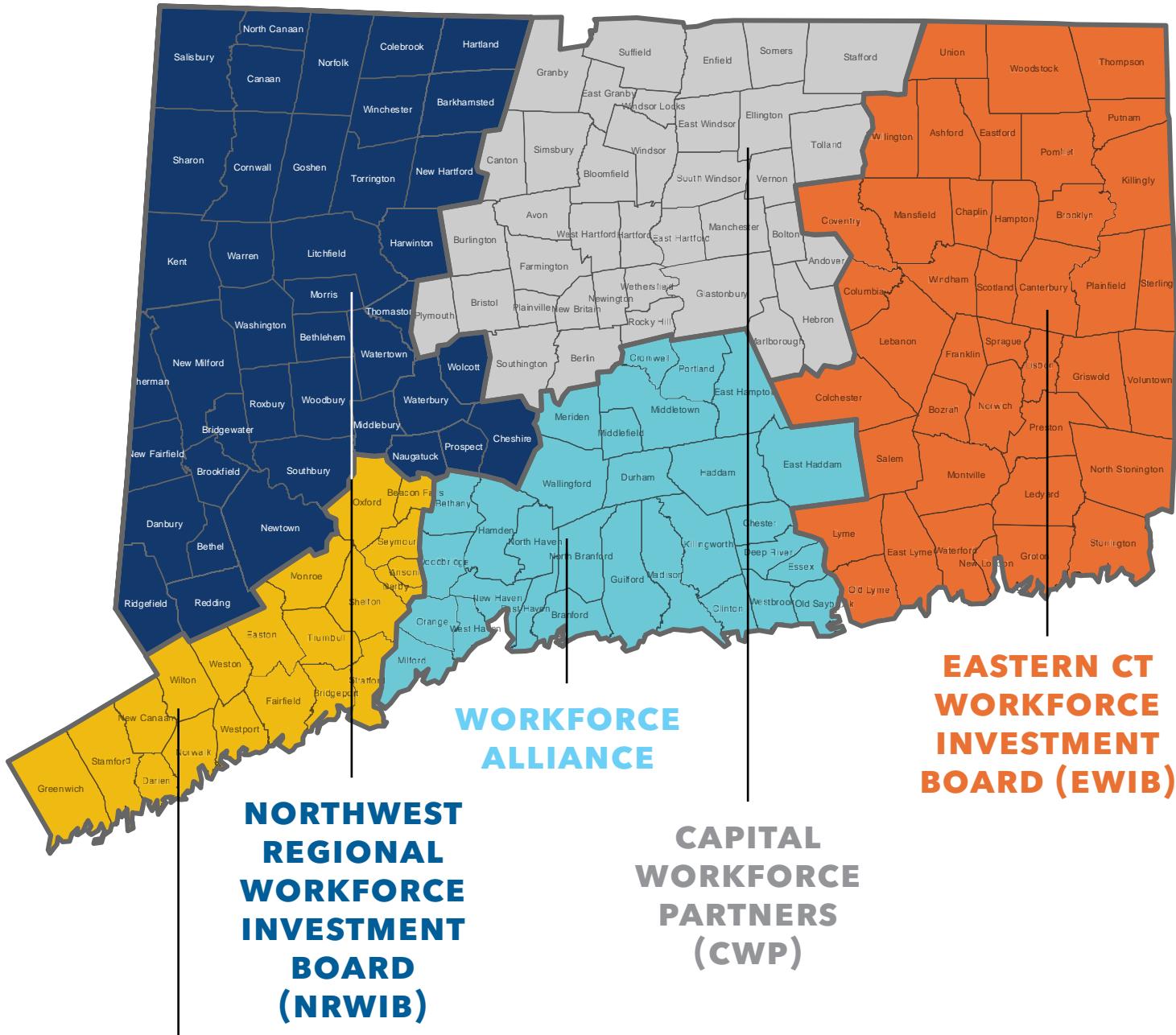
For more information on the 70+ local chambers in Connecticut, please visit the U.S. Chamber of Commerce directory. [» WEBSITE](#)

# WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT & EDUCATION

**Connecticut has nationally-ranked workforce development and education systems dedicated to helping individuals overcome barriers to employment and close the gap between skills and business hiring needs.**



# Connecticut Towns by Workforce Development Area



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# WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT & EDUCATION

Name	Description	Category	Location
<b>CampusCT</b>	CampusCT is a workforce initiative created by the Governor's Workforce Council (GWC) and led by AdvanceCT to retain college students in Connecticut post-graduation. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Workforce Development	New Haven
<b>Capital Workforce Partners (CWP)</b>	CWP is the North Central CT regional Workforce Development Board. CWP is responsible for coordinating a regional workforce system that meets the changing employment and training needs of employers and job seekers. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Workforce Development Board	Hartford
<b>The Connecticut Conference of Independent Colleges (CCIC)</b>	CCIC represents and advocates on behalf of fifteen accredited non-profit independent colleges and universities in Connecticut. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Education System	West Hartford
<b>Connecticut State Colleges &amp; Universities (CSCU)</b>	CSCU provides affordable, innovative and rigorous programs for students to achieve their personal and career goals as well as contribute to the economic growth of Connecticut. There are 12 community colleges and four universities throughout the state. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Education System	Hartford
<b>Connecticut Technical Education and Career System (CTECS)</b>	CTECS is the largest high school system in Connecticut, offers a comprehensive high school and Career Technical Education in 31 occupational careers. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Education System	Hartford

# WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT & EDUCATION

Name	Description	Category	Location
<b>Eastern Connecticut Workforce Investment Board (EWIB)</b>	EWIB works to identify the changing needs among employers and workers in its 41-town service delivery area and develops a strategic consensus among community leaders to align training programs to meet the needs of local employers in a manner that keeps Eastern Connecticut at the forefront of industry and technology. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Workforce Development Board	Franklin
<b>Governor's Workforce Council (GWC)</b>	GWC has been tasked with setting strategy and policy for the state's Pre-K through retirement workforce pipeline, and to serve as the prime coordinator for businesses, educators, trainers, state agencies, state workforce boards, non-profits, and others. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Workforce Development	Hartford
<b>Hartford Consortium for Higher Education (HCHE)</b>	HCHE is a collective of nine institutions of higher education, two affiliate members, including one media entity and a theater, managing two programs. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Education Non-profit	East Hartford
<b>Northwest Regional Workforce Investment Board (NRWIB)</b>	NRWIB goal is to develop and maintain a highly-skilled workforce which promotes and sustains a healthy economy and business growth in Northwest Connecticut. The NRWIB provides training for workers across all sectors, focusing on high-demand industries. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Workforce Development Board	Waterbury
<b>ReadyCT</b>	ReadyCT is a K-12 education and workforce development organization which supports programs that bring business, civic, and education leaders together to advance career-connected learning for students. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Education Non-profit	Hartford

# WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT & EDUCATION

Name	Description	Category	Location
<b>University of Connecticut (UCONN)</b>	UCONN is a national leader among public research universities, with more than 32,000 students seeking answers to critical questions in classrooms, labs, and the community. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Education System	Storrs
<b>The WorkPlace, Inc.</b>	The Workplace conducts comprehensive planning, and coordinates regional and state-wide workforce development programs to prepare people for careers while strengthening the workforce for employers. Serving as southwest Connecticut. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Workforce Development Board	Bridgeport

## Additional Resources

There are hundreds of training providers in Connecticut that offer occupational tech and other skills training, certifications, and more.

To navigate these resources, see the CT Department of Labor (CTDOL) Education and Training ConneCTion here. [» WEBSITE](#)

# INDUSTRY ORGANIZATIONS

Connecticut's industry organizations provide support – ranging from advisory and advocacy to networking and more – across a wide array of sectors.



# INDUSTRY ORGANIZATIONS

Name	Description	Type	Location
<b>Aerospace Components Manufacturers (ACM)</b>	ACM attracts the global aerospace industry to The World's Aerospace Alley!®, where ACM member firms form a unique industrial cooperative of long-established aerospace manufacturers, processors and suppliers, offering a cost-effective supply chain. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Manufacturing	East Hartford
<b>BioCT</b>	BioCT catalyzes and accelerates growth in the life sciences with the goal of improving human health by fostering a rich, innovative ecosystem and promoting Connecticut as a preferred destination for life science exploration and innovation. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Life Sciences	New Haven
<b>Connecticut Brewers Guild</b>	Promotes the interest of the craft beer industry throughout the state of Connecticut. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Food & Beverage	New Haven
<b>Connecticut Cannabis Chamber of Commerce</b>	The CT Cannabis Chamber of Commerce promotes policy, responsible growth, and the development of Connecticut's cannabis industry. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Agriculture	Rocky Hill
<b>Connecticut Hydrogen-Fuel Cell Coalition (CHFCC)</b>	CHFCC aims to enhance economic growth in Connecticut through the development, manufacture, and deployment of fuel cell and hydrogen technologies and associated fueling systems. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Energy	East Hartford
<b>CT Insurance and Financial Services (CTIFS)</b>	CTIFS is a statewide initiative of the MetroHartford Alliance comprised of 32 member companies in Connecticut's insurance and financial services sector. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Insurance & Finance	Hartford

# INDUSTRY ORGANIZATIONS

Name	Description	Type	Location
<b>Connecticut Power and Energy Society (CPES)</b>	CPES is Connecticut's association of energy professionals, dedicated to generating information, sharing ideas and educating Connecticut about energy. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Energy	West Hartford
<b>CT Restaurant Association (CTRA)</b>	CTRA advocates for the Connecticut restaurant industry, a hub for information and a platform for networking. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Hospitality	Hartford
<b>CT Technology Council (CTC)</b>	CTC gives a voice to all technology companies by creating a platform for sharing ideas and resources. It is a hub that brings together the state's tech community, public sector, and service providers to network and help grow the tech sector in Connecticut. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Tech	East Hartford
<b>Eastern Advanced Manufacturing Alliance (EAMA)</b>	EAMA is a non-profit organization comprised of manufacturers in Eastern Connecticut, South Central Massachusetts, and Northwest Rhode Island. EAMA works with its education and training partners to promote and improve manufacturing careers and the regional manufacturing workforce. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Manufacturing	Franklin
<b>Energize Connecticut</b>	EnergizeCT helps consumers save energy in their Connecticut home or business with rebates, financing and services for energy efficiency and clean energy improvements. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Energy	North Haven
<b>Hartford InsurTech Hub</b>	Hartford InsurTech Hub is a collaboration of Insurance Carriers, City of Hartford Representatives and Community Stakeholders all focused on industry evolution through collaboration and innovation. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Tech	Hartford

# INDUSTRY ORGANIZATIONS

Name	Description	Type	Location
<b>ManufactureCT</b>	ManufactureCT is a statewide forum for community and business leaders focused on sharing perspectives from inside manufacturing facilities to build collective strength for the sector. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Manufacturing	Hartford
<b>Naval &amp; Maritime Consortium</b>	The Naval & Maritime Consortium is an active network of member companies, community partners, and OEMs that collectively addresses challenges, shares solutions, and collaborates to develop opportunities within the growing Blue Tech industrial sector. Focuses on Naval submarine shipbuilding and offshore wind supply chains within and around New England. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Manufacturing	Groton
<b>New England Spring &amp; Metalstamping Association (NESMA)</b>	NESMA is an advocacy organization for the Spring and Metalstamping industry, promoting policies and providing education, workforce training, networking and other events that benefit the community. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Manufacturing	Bristol
<b>Northeast Energy Efficiency Council (NEEC)</b>	Through state-level advocacy, the NEEC helps to secure the policies, budgets, and resources necessary for a vibrant and growing energy efficiency industry. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Energy	Boston
<b>Renewable Energy and Efficiency Business Association (REEBA)</b>	REEBA promotes the sustainable deployment of renewable energy and energy efficiency in Connecticut. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Energy	West Hartford

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Name	Description	Type	Location
<b>Smaller Manufacturers Association (SMA)</b>	SMA offers programming, workforce development and education support, and advocates on behalf of small manufacturers in Hartford. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Manufacturing	Waterbury
<b>Sustainable CT</b>	Sustainable CT provides a shared vision, an action road map, practical tools, multiple benefits, and collaborative spirit to build a thriving Connecticut for all residents. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Environment	Willimantic

# FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Through venture and corporate venture capital, lending and more, there are diverse groups of organizations offering financial support to help spur business and regional growth.



# FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Name	Description	Type	Location
<b>Acadian Ventures</b>	Acadian Ventures helps founders around the world build enduring companies that make work better, fairer, more meaningful, and ultimately more productive. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	VC	Madison
<b>Angel Investor Forum</b>	The Angel Investor Forum is a group of investors who invest their own money in startup companies. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Investors	East Hartford
<b>Canaan Partners</b>	Canaan Partners is an early-stage venture capital firm that invests in visionaries with transformative ideas. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	VC	Westport
<b>Cigna Ventures</b>	Cigna Ventures partners with entrepreneurs who share our tenacity to unlock bold new opportunities to improve people's health and make health care more affordable, predictable and simple. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	CVC	Bloomfield
<b>Community Capital Fund (CommCap)</b>	CommCap facilitates the flow of capital and expertise into housing and economic developments that benefit low and moderate income people in the Greater Bridgeport Area. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Lending	Bridgeport
<b>Community Economic Development Fund (CEDF)</b>	Provides business loans in disadvantaged communities defined by the state. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Lending	Meriden
<b>Company Capital</b>	Company Capital is an early-stage venture capital firm backing exceptional founders in fintech, commerce and enabling infrastructure. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	VC	Westport

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Name	Description	Type	Location
<b>CT Community Investment Corporation (CTCIC)</b>	CTCIC is an economic development lending company that offers financing and support to small businesses in Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Lending	Hamden
<b>Connecticut Green Bank</b>	The CT Green Bank confronts climate change by increasing and accelerating the flow of private capital into markets that energize the green economy. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Lending	Hartford
<b>Connecticut Innovations (CI)</b>	CI is Connecticut's strategic venture capital arm and the leading source of financing and ongoing support for innovative, growing companies. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	VC	New Haven
<b>Elm Street Ventures</b>	Elm Street Ventures is a seed and early-stage venture fund with an emphasis on life sciences that also invests in software, materials, sustainable technology, and other industries. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	VC	New Haven
<b>HEDCO</b>	Since 1975 HEDCO Inc. has helped clients and their communities improve, achieve and succeed by supporting their growth and progress. Services offered include free business advisory services, low interest loans with flexible terms, revolving loan funds and technical assistance. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Lending	Hartford
<b>Hillside Ventures</b>	Hillside Ventures is an early-stage venture fund supporting companies either founded by UConn alumni or that are in the sustainability, insurtech, or edtech industries. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	VC	Storrs

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<b>Hudson Structure Capital Management</b>	Hudson Structure Capital Management is an asset manager focused on alternative investments targeting mezzanine level returns. Focus is on the Re/Insurance and Transportation sectors. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	VC	Stamford
<b>LaunchCapital</b>	LaunchCapital is an industry-agnostic early-stage venture capital firm. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	VC	New Haven
<b>Oak HC/FT</b>	Oak HC/FT is a venture and growth equity firm investing in tech-enabled companies with \$5.3 billion AUM <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	VC	Greenwich
<b>Infosys Technology and Innovation Hub</b>	The Infosys Technology and Innovation Hub is focused on developing technology skills in areas including Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, User Experience Design, and advanced digital technologies like Cloud and Big Data. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	CVC	Hartford
<b>Point72</b>	Point72 Asset Management is a global firm led by Steven Cohen that invests in multiple asset classes and strategies worldwide. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	VC	Stamford
<b>Tamarack Global</b>	Tamarack Global operates as an investment firm that invests in new markets and new economies. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	VC	Greenwich
<b>Tidal River Women's Investor Group</b>	Tidal River encourages women investors to strengthen Connecticut's ecosystem by supporting them as they invest in companies throughout the state, collaborating around deal flow, due diligence, investing, learning, and networking. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	VC	Stamford

# INCUBATORS, ACCELERATORS & MAKERSPACES

**There are countless incubators, accelerators, and makerspaces across Connecticut serving as hubs for innovation and growth.**



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Name	Description	Type	Location
<b>Accelerate UCONN</b>	Accelerate UCONN's mission is to catalyze entrepreneurial teams whose technology concepts are likely candidates for commercialization. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Accelerator	Storrs
<b>Accelerator for Biosciences in Connecticut (ABCT)</b>	ABCT is a competitive-entry, six-month program of personalized entrepreneurial education delivered for first time founders of bioscience ventures focused on healthcare innovation in Connecticut. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Accelerator	Branford
<b>Blavatnik Fund for Innovation</b>	The Blavatnik Fund for Innovation bridges the gap between innovative, early-stage life science research and successful development of high-impact biomedical products. Combines essential funding with development and business expertise, leading to commercial partnerships that bring forth new biomedical discoveries. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Accelerator	New Haven
<b>Bridge Innovations</b>	Bridge Innovations is an accelerator with an established track record of taking medical device startups from concept to successful exit. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Accelerator	New Haven
<b>Collab New Haven</b>	Collab New Haven aims to provide entrepreneurs with impactful, rigorous business support. Primarily serving people of color and women – particularly Black and Latinx entrepreneurs – who face persistent and significant barriers. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Accelerator	New Haven

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<b>Connecticut Center for Entrepreneurship &amp; Innovation (CCEI)</b>	CCEI inspires a culture of entrepreneurship and innovation across all academic disciplines throughout UConn by offering programs that support new venture development, teaching courses that engage students in innovation and new technologies, and connecting the University with the greater entrepreneurial ecosystem within Connecticut. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Incubator	Hartford
<b>Food'Nbev Connect</b>	Food'Nbev Connect helps accelerate food related businesses to faster sales and broader distribution, with affordable margins and sustained growth. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Accelerator	Danbury
<b>Danbury Hackerspace</b>	Danbury Hackerspace is a makerspace with 3D printers, prototyping tools, a mockup studio, a common work area, program space, and co-working space. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Makerspace	Danbury
<b>Fairfield County Makers Guild</b>	Fairfield County Makers Guild is a makerspace for makers, artists, entrepreneurs, and overall curious people. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Makerspace	Norwalk
<b>Health Haven Hub</b>	Health Haven Hub is a non-profit that provides programs and a global network to early and seed stage start-ups in downtown New Haven. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Makerspace	New Haven
<b>HUBCAP Wallingford</b>	HUBCAP is a hybrid-business incubator providing a unique opportunity for collaboration between Schools and Business to increase College and Career readiness while expanding downtown Wallingford business. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Incubator	Wallingford

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<b>Launc[H]artford</b>	Launc[H]artford celebrates and facilitates the rapid rise of entrepreneurship, startup culture, and innovation in Hartford. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Incubator	Hartford
<b>Makerspace CT</b>	Makerspace CT is a valuable community resource for everyone and a focal point for collaboration by businesses and individuals with 25,000 sf commercial space. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Makerspace	Hartford
<b>Middlesex Entrepreneurial Workspace (MEWS+)</b>	MEWS+ helps companies grow their business, build their network, and stay connected. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Incubator	Middletown
<b>NERAC Venture Incubator</b>	Nerac, through its long standing association with XcellR8 and UCONN, offers flexible office and workspace opportunities to early stage venture entrepreneurs for business incubation activities and support. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Incubator	Tolland
<b>NESIT</b>	NESIT offers a collaborative environment for people of all kinds to come together and build things. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Makerspace	Meriden
<b>New Haven Innovation Labs</b>	New Haven Innovation Labs provides the scientists and entrepreneurs with a state-of-the-art laboratory incubator where they can discover, collaborate, and grow. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Incubator	New Haven

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<b>People's United Center for Innovation &amp; Entrepreneurship</b>	The People's United Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship is a versatile and collaborative incubator for students, staff and faculty across all of Quinnipiac's academic disciplines to pursue their entrepreneurial ventures. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Incubator	Hamden
<b>ReSET</b>	ReSET helps startups from ideation to launch, aiming to create social enterprises through its Food Incubator, Student Incubators, Workshops and Mentor Network support. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Incubator	Hartford
<b>Rippowam. labs</b>	Rippowam.labs holds regular free classes on everything from computer and smartphone programming, electronics and robotics to knitting and sewing. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Makerspace	Stamford
<b>Spark Makerspace</b>	Spark Makerspace supports makers with the space, equipment, education, and community to create a spark in their creativity. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Makerspace	New London
<b>SPARK Technology Commercialization Fund</b>	SPARK supports the translation of research discoveries into products, processes, and other commercial applications. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Accelerator	Storrs
<b>TechXel</b>	TechXel's objective is to prepare early-stage B2B ventures for angel/seed funding, utilizing Silicon Valley Series A standards to create fully aligned funding documents. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Accelerator	Stamford

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<b>Yale Center for Biomedical Innovation &amp; Technology (CBIT)</b>	CBIT focuses on understanding modern healthcare industry challenges and partnering with academic innovators, students, corporate entities, and health systems to overcome them. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Incubator	New Haven
<b>Tsai Center for Innovative Thinking (Tsai CITY)</b>	Tsai CITY serves students from across Yale's campus through programs, funding, and mentoring whether they have a big idea they're ready to build on or just want to explore the tools of innovation. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Incubator	New Haven
<b>UCONN Technology Incubation Program (UCONN TIP)</b>	By coupling UConn's world-class research resources, facilities, and business support services to a network of experienced investors and entrepreneurs, UCONN TIP helps launch startups ready to transform their respective markets. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Incubator	Storrs
<b>Werth Institute for Entrepreneurship and Innovation</b>	The Werth Institute links the ecosystem of resources, programs, academic courses, funding, mentorship, education, and activities relating to entrepreneurship and innovation throughout UCONN. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Incubator	Storrs
<b>Yale Entrepreneurship Collaborative</b>	Yale Entrepreneurship Collaborative is a network of 12 centers, programs, and organizations comprise Yale's "Entrepreneurship Collaborative" and provide gathering points for entrepreneurs and innovators across Yale's campus. Supports students, faculty, and staff in their innovative, entrepreneurial endeavors. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Incubator	New Haven

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<b>Yale Ventures</b>	Yale Ventures is an ambitious initiative to support and expand innovation and entrepreneurship across the university and throughout the greater New Haven region. Supported by new investments from the university. <a href="#">» WEBSITE</a>	Incubator	New Haven

## About AdvanceCT

**AdvanceCT is a nonprofit organization that works to engage, retain and recruit businesses and advance overall economic competitiveness in Connecticut.**

In collaboration with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development(DECD), AdvanceCT strives to build a place where business, government, higher education, and nonprofits come together to implement high impact and inclusive economic development solutions for the state.

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