

**TENNESSEE SMALL BUSINESS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

**1-800-734-3619**  
[BGSBEAP@tn.gov](mailto:BGSBEAP@tn.gov)



The Small Business Environmental Assistance Program provides technical, administrative and regulatory support for small businesses. The SBEAP staff serves as a liaison between the regulatory agency and the small business owner. Confidentiality is maintained when representing the interest of a small business. The types of assistance provided through the SBEAP include:

- ◆ Informing businesses of regulatory requirements that apply to them and the dates these requirements apply.
- ◆ Maintaining a list of affected industry for distribution of information.
- ◆ Disseminating up-to-date regulatory information to the small business community, including easy-to-understand public information material.
- ◆ Helping small businesses deal with specific technical, administrative, and compliance problems.
- ◆ Making necessary referrals to assist businesses with specific environmental problems.
- ◆ Providing training opportunities.

☛ For more information or assistance, call, e-mail or write :

**TENNESSEE SMALL BUSINESS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM,**  
8th Floor, L&C Annex, 401 Church Street,  
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1551 - 1-800-734-3619  
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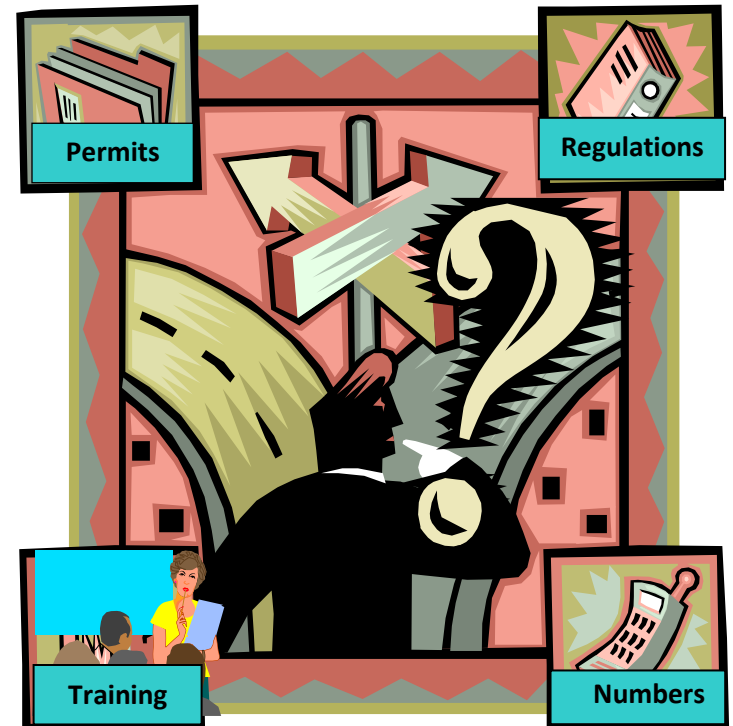
*To Reach Your Local Environmental Field Office*  
Call 1-888-891-8332 or 1-888-891-TDEC



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**ATTENTION**  
**SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS!**  
**DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS?**



**SOMEONE HAS THE**  
**ANSWERS!**

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**WHO CAN HELP  
AGENCY AND TYPE OF ASSISTANCE**

**State of Tennessee**

☛ *Tennessee.gov – Business Links*

Tennessee.gov has a list of links from helping businesses get started to obtaining forms and licenses.

Website: [www.tn.gov/business](http://www.tn.gov/business)

☛ *Governor's Office of Diversity Business Enterprise (Go-DBE)*

This office is the central point of contact to attract and assist small, minority, and women owned businesses to increase their State procurement opportunities.

Website: <http://www.tn.gov/businessopp/>

**Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation**

☛ *Small Business Environmental Assistance Program [SBEAP]*

The SBEAP provides confidential technical, administrative, and environmental regulatory support for small business, serving as liaison between the regulatory agency and the small business, conducting onsite consultations, and informing small businesses of applicable environmental regulations and deadlines for compliance.

Telephone #: 615-532-8013 / 1-800-734-3619

Website: <http://tn.gov/environment/ea/sbeap/>

☛ *Tennessee Environmental Coordinator (EC)*

The EC provides multiple program permit coordination for new industries, manages regional community outreach, acts as a regional contact for the Office of Environmental Assistance and provides compliance information and technical assistance to citizens.

Telephone #: 1-888-891-TDEC (8332)

Website: <http://tn.gov/environment/efo/ecs.shtml>

**Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development**

☛ *Business Enterprise Resource Office (BERO)*

This office provides technical, financial and management information assistance to small, minority and women owned businesses.

Telephone #: 615-741-2626

Website: <http://www.tn.gov/ecd/bero/index.htm>

☛ *Small Business Energy Loan Program*

Through grants from the US Department of Energy, this office provides energy efficiency programs to reduce energy costs. The Division also provides low-interest loans to qualified Tennessee-based businesses to increase their energy.

Telephone #: 1 - 800 - 342-1340

Website: [http://www.tn.gov/ecd/energy\\_sbhel.htm](http://www.tn.gov/ecd/energy_sbhel.htm)

**Tennessee Occupational Safety and Health Administration (TOSHA)**

☛ *Consultative Services*

Confidential and non-regulatory consultation is provided for employers regarding TOSHA compliance issues.

Telephone #: 1-800-249-8510

Website: <http://www.tn.gov/labor-wfd/toshcons.html>

**WHO CAN HELP  
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☛ **Tennessee Small Business Development Center (TSBDC)**

TSBDC Service Centers and affiliate offices provide across the state of Tennessee, management and technical assistance for such issues as workflow analysis, sources of capital, education and training. The Division of Technology and Energy Services provides counseling and training services in the areas of energy systems, computers, and office and plant automation.

Telephone #: 615-849-9999/ 1-877-898-3900 Website: [www.tsbdc.org](http://www.tsbdc.org)

☛ **University of Tennessee Center for Industrial Services (UTCIS)**

UTCIS provides assistance to Tennessee businesses through technical training workshops, publications, compliance and waste reduction assessments, management and supervisory training.

Telephone #: 615-532-8657/1-888-763-7439 Website: [www.cis.utk.edu](http://www.cis.utk.edu)

☛ **Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) - Business Resources**

TVA supports small, disadvantaged, minority, and woman-owned firms and targeted commercial-sector businesses through strategic partnerships, outreach activities, networks, electronic tools, and business assistance. The goal of these initiatives is to ensure the growth and success of the Valley's business

Telephone #: 615-232-6225 Website: [http://www.tvaed.com/bus\\_serv.htm](http://www.tvaed.com/bus_serv.htm)

☛ **Mid-Cumberland Area Development Corporation**

This agency provides assistance to small businesses applying for SBA 504 loans and other government loan programs.

Telephone #: 615-862-8866 Website: <http://www.madc.us/default.aspx>

☛ **Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry (TCC&I)**

TCC&I is the state chamber of commerce and state manufacturers association. It enhances the state's business climate through a wide variety of efforts.

Telephone #: 615-256-5141 Website: <http://www.tnchamber.org/>

☛ **U.S. Small Business Administration**

The federal agency addresses issues of finance, marketing, production, and personnel. Numerous loan programs are administered through local banks. Management development programs are also available.

Telephone #: 615-736-5881 / 1-800-733-2894

Website: <http://www.sba.gov/localresources/district/tn/index.html>

☛ **National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB)**

NFIB has a website with current information on finance, how to start a small business, management, marketing and other issues of interest to small businesses.

Telephone #: 615-872-5800 / 1-800-634-2669 Website: [www.nfib.com/](http://www.nfib.com/)

☛ **Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE)**

Retired individuals volunteer their time and expertise to work with new business owners.

Telephone #: 1-800-634-0245 Website: [www.score.org](http://www.score.org)