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About GO-Biz

The Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) was created by Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. to serve as California's single point of contact for economic development and job creation efforts. GO-Biz offers a range of services to business owners including: attraction, retention and expansion services, site selection, permit streamlining, clearing of regulatory hurdles, small business assistance, international trade development, assistance with state government, and much more.

*The Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz)
includes the following units:*

Business Investment Services

The Business Investment Services Unit works with companies to expand their presence in California by streamlining the site selection process and offsetting the cost of doing business with the use of local, state and federal incentives.

Permit Streamlining

The Permit Assistance unit provides permit streamlining for business owners struggling with local, state and federal permitting for major job creating projects. The permitting team also administers the state's electronic on-line permit assistance center, CalGOLD.

Small Business Assistance

The Small Business Unit provides small business assistance through interagency projects, informational workshops, and direct advocacy. It also maintains a comprehensive list of resources for small business technical assistance, financing, and state procurement.

Encouraging Innovation and Entrepreneurship

GO-Biz administers the state Innovation Hub (iHub) program which includes 12 iHubs stretching from Chico to San Diego. These regional innovation clusters bring together government, academia, and business to further enhance California's entrepreneurial ecosystem thru the promotion of innovation as a community building and job creation tool. In 2011, three of the 12 iHubs opened their first Innovation Incubators

International Affairs and Business Development

The International Affairs and Business Development unit provides critical support on issues relating to international trade and investment opportunities, foreign relations, and business-expanding international agreements. The unit collaborates with federal, local and international partners to identify and assist small to medium size companies in developing markets abroad for their products and services. The unit also promotes foreign investment, including certification of EB5 targeted employment areas, and it supports expansion of shipping and air transport to keep California a top international gateway for the United States.

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