



Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation

Fostering economic vitality in East Central Vermont

INNOVATION & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

ADVISING & NETWORKING

[Green Mountain Economic Development Corporation](#) | Regional

Offers real estate, financing, business, networking, and workforce assistance

[Small Business Development Center - White River Junction](#) | Regional

Provides low-cost training and no-cost business advising

[Vermont Tech Enterprise Center - Randolph](#) | Regional

Offers low cost, fully equipped offices and professional business services

[Vermont Chamber of Commerce](#) | Statewide

Offers networking, advocacy, marketing, and education for businesses of all sizes

[Vermont Micro-Business Development Program](#) | Statewide

Offers training and technical assistance for starting or expanding a small business

[Startup Vermont](#) | Statewide

Network for high growth start-ups

[Vermont Center for Emerging Technologies](#) | Statewide

Business incubator program for high-opportunity technology firms

[Vermont Manufacturing Extension Center](#) | Statewide

Offers implementation help, consulting, training, and coaching to manufacturers

[Vermont Venture Network](#) | Statewide

Forum for interaction and the exchange of ideas among Vermont entrepreneurs

[Vermont Women's Business Center](#) | Statewide

Offers advice, networking, training, and tools to early-stage female entrepreneurs

FINANCING

Investment Capital

[Borealis Ventures](#)

[Fresh Tracks Capital L.P.](#)

[Harbor Light Capital Partners](#)

[The Vermont Seed Capital Fund, LP](#)

[Clean Yield Investments](#)

[Granite State Angels](#)

[North Country Angels](#)

[Underdog Ventures](#)

Lenders

[Community Capital of Vermont](#)

Lender to small businesses and microenterprises

[Vermont Community Loan Fund \(VCLF\)](#)

Lender to businesses that provide benefits to low to moderate income Vermonters through livable-wage jobs and revitalized communities

[Vermont Economic Development Authority \(VEDA\)](#)

Provider of low-interest loans to large and small Vermont businesses and farms

[Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund \(VSJF\) - Flexible Capital Fund](#)

Offers a new kind of flexible risk capital to sustainable businesses that brings with it instant access to peer networks, mentorship, and technical assistance

[Small Business Innovation Research \(SBIR\) Program](#)

Federal program to help eligible small businesses fund R&D during start-up and development stages

[USDA Rural Development Loan Assistance](#)

Federal program to provide quality loans to eligible entities in rural communities

DID YOU KNOW ...

Vermont is the

#1 State for **Green Job Creation** according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (2012)

#1 State for **Patents Per Capita** according to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln State Entrepreneurship Index (2012)

#1 State for **Solar Jobs Per Capita** according to the Solar Foundation (2013)

8th **Most Entrepreneurial State** according to the Kauffman Foundation (2012)

Major Vermont-based brands include

Ben & Jerry's

Burton's Snowboards

Dealer.com

Keurig Green Mountain

King Arthur Flour

Vermont leads America in implementation of an alternative to the GDP metric.

The **Genuine Progress Indicator (GPI)** considers social and environmental factors in measuring economic growth.

In 2013 Vermont enacted the nation's first **Anti-Patent Trolling Law**.

A collaborative and pioneering spirit is part of Vermont's identity. Calvin Coolidge, the 30th U.S. President and a Vermont native, once said of the State:

*"I love Vermont because of her hills and valleys, her scenery and invigorating climate, but most of all because of her indomitable people. **They are a race of pioneers who have almost beggared themselves to serve others.**"*