

Suffolk County Economic Development and Workforce Housing
2012 Program List

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1. **Industrial Development Agency (IDA)** – 631-853-4802 Provides financial assistance for expansion, new construction and equipment purchase for profit and not-for-profit projects.
2. **New York State Excelsior Program** – 631-435-0717 Connection to financing programs and the Excelsior Jobs Program, a targeted program focusing on the growth and expansion of the high-tech and clean energy jobs of tomorrow, while also supporting the manufacturing sector that remains the backbone of our economy.
<http://www.esd.ny.gov/BusinessPrograms/Excelsior.html>
3. **Suffolk County Inventors and Entrepreneurs Club** – 631-853-4805 Novice and seasoned inventors will benefit from brainstorming sessions and networking to assist them in all aspects of the inventing and business start-up process.
4. **Ombudsman Services** – 631-853-4805 - Should plans call for construction or expansion at your site, we will guide your applications through the permitting process with the Suffolk County Department of Health Services and, if applicable, the Suffolk County Department of Public Works. We will also coordinate and assist with permitting from the NYS DEC and any other state, federal or local agencies.
5. **Manufacturing Training Program** – 631-851-6225 Suffolk County Community College offers training in Manufacturing, Machining Techniques, Auto CAD, Soldering, CNC and will working with manufacturing firms to customize training for specific needs.
6. **Suffolk County SBIR Outreach Program** – 631-853-4805 Suffolk County works closely with Stony Brook University to encourage companies, especially in bio and high technology to apply for and be awarded federal Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) grants. (www.SBIR.gov). If your company has innovative technology or products, you may be eligible.
7. **Suffolk County Foreign Trade Zone** - 631-588-5757 The FTZ offers an exemption on duties and excise taxes for certain products imported into and out of the Zone. The zone is located adjacent to Long Island MacArthur Airport. The County can apply for Special Purpose Sub-zone status for businesses located in Suffolk and Nassau Counties.
<http://ftz52.com>

8. The following services and programs may be accessed through the **Suffolk County Department of Labor 631-853-6923**
<http://suffolkcountyny.gov/Home/departments/Labor/business.aspx>
 - a. **Job Fairs** are offered at no cost and are customized to meet a company's needs. Events are held throughout Suffolk County at area public libraries or held on-site.
 - b. **Pre-Screened Job Applicants.** One-Stop career counselors will review potential applicants' qualifications and refer only those meeting your specifications. This service reduces the costs associated with screening for employment.
 - c. **Short-Term Computer Workshops** are available on-site at state-of-the-art computer labs at the One-Stop Center to introduce and increase staff knowledge of current computer software applications including Microsoft Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint, QuickBooks and other demand areas.
 - d. **Training Grant Programs**, offered by the New York State Department of Labor, may be available to reimburse business for a percentage of the costs of incumbent worker training.

9. Through the **Suffolk County Employer Assisted Housing Program**, 631-435-4710 Suffolk County can assist businesses to recruit and to retain quality workers. Employees of a participating business or those who are relocating due to employment are eligible to receive financial assistance towards the purchase of a home as well as free homebuyer counseling. www.suffolkbetterforbusiness.com/affordable-housing

10. **Cultural Arts, Film Production and Tourism 631-853-4834**
 - a. Your employees can find out about all of the **cultural events, music and film festivals**, and community arts groups at www.suffolkartsandfilm.com. The Suffolk County Film Commission identifies locations for commercials, industrials, and feature films. **Film production** companies will pay a location fee for use of your property if selected. www.suffolkcountyfilmcommission.com

 - b. **Long Island Convention & Visitors Bureau and Sports Commission (LICVB)** The LICVB develops, encourages and promotes convention business, tourism and sporting events within the County of Suffolk. www.discoverlongisland.com