



At MBDA, Minority Business Enterprises are a National Priority. MBDA serves minority entrepreneurs across America who are building and growing their enterprises. In doing so, minority-owned firms are better equipped to create jobs, impact local economies by contributing to the tax base and compete successfully in domestic and global marketplaces.

With a nationwide network of over 40 business centers and strategic partners, we at MBDA work to meet the needs of our clients. MBDA assists minority entrepreneurs and business owners with consulting services, contract and financing opportunities, bonding and certification services, building business-to-business alliances and executive training.

Our Mission is to grow competitive Minority Businesses. The mission of MBDA is to achieve entrepreneurial parity for minority business enterprises by actively promoting their ability to grow and compete in the global economy.

Our Agency has served Minority Businesses since 1971. MBDA is the only federal agency created specifically to foster the establishment and growth minority-owned businesses in America. Guided by its mission, MBDA actively promotes the growth and competitiveness of large, medium and small minority business enterprises.

Our Reach is Nationwide.

MBDA is headquartered at the United States Department of Commerce in Washington, DC with three national offices focused on minority business programs and policy.

- The Office of Business Development
- The Office of Native American Entrepreneurship and Trade
- The White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders

Our five regional MBDA National Enterprise Centers manage minority business development in the following assigned geographic areas:

- **Atlanta:** AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN
- **Chicago:** IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, OH, WI
- **Dallas:** AR, CO, LA, MT, NM, ND, OK, SD, TX, UT, WY
- **New York:** CT, DE, ME, MD, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT, VA, WV, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands
- **San Francisco:** AK, AZ, CA, HI, ID, NV, OR, WA, American Samoa

Our Programs and Services provide value to your business.

- Minority Business Opportunity Centers
- Minority Business Enterprise Centers
- Native American Business Enterprise Centers
- Phoenix Opportunity Online Matching System
- Business to Business Linkage Forums
- National Minority Enterprise Development Week Conference
- Business Plan Writer
- Executive Education

MinorityBiz Fast Facts™

There were 4.1 million minority-owned firms in the U.S., representing 18% of all U.S. firms in 2002.

Between 1997 and 2002, minority firms' total annual gross receipts grew 13% to \$668 billion and their employees grew by 5% to 4.7 million workers.

Since 1997, minority businesses have grown in number at a higher rate than the national average for all U.S. firms:

- Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders firms grew 49%
- African Americans firms grew 45%
- Hispanic firms grew 31%
- Asian firms grew 24%

Most minority firms are in other services, health care and social assistance, professional, scientific and technical services and retail trade.

Source: U.S. Census 2002 Survey of Business Owners; State of Minority Business Enterprises, MBDA, 2006

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