

SCKyONE

Opportunity Network for Entrepreneurs

South Central Kentucky Opportunity Network for Entrepreneurs is a partnership launched in August 2016 that links the region's organizations that support small business and entrepreneurial development.

The SCKyONE partnership streamlines the services and benefits available to companies and individuals by cross promoting each organization and what it offers.

Partners:



The Partnership:

- Co-hosts networking events, training and professional development activities
- Makes referrals to partner organizations within the network
- Seeks to create a culture of innovation and creativity in the Bowling Green area
- Nurtures a system of volunteers to support small business (CPAs, attorneys, etc.)

Bowling Green Area Chamber of Commerce:

- Site location assistance, labor market & demographics information, development incentives, training and professional networking opportunities

Kentucky Innovation Network:

- Assists with business models, business development, developing business strategy, raising startup funds
- Connects businesses with mentors and business advisors, angel investors and professional networking opportunities

WKU Small Business Accelerator:

- Business incubator with accelerator-style services providing a cost-controlled, professional environment offering high-end office and light manufacturing spaces to knowledge-based start-up and early stage companies
- Capabilities and services include but are not limited to: business development consulting; shared resources and expertise; IT support and infrastructure; training and professional development opportunities; professional mentors and networking; connections to local, state and federal funding options; and access to rapid prototyping

WKU Small Business Development Center:

- Assists with business planning, budget preparation, financial projections, market research, marketing plans, the development of business models and strategic planning
- Connects and introduces lenders and investors to entrepreneurs, assists with the assembly of loan and investor packages and investor presentation development