



The Overstreet Center for Entrepreneurship Overview

The Overstreet Center for Entrepreneurship will be located on the second floor of the OCCCEDC building located at 119 S. Main Street, Spencer, Indiana. The OST will occupy 1920 sq. ft. accommodating ten office spaces with lockers, a conference room, media room, and a communal space with kitchenette and unisex restroom facilities. The OST will offer Owen County's independent workforce a physical home to advance business initiatives and economic development. Several scheduling packages will be offered ranging from 365/24/7 access to a nights and weekends only availability. The priorities of the OST include the following initiatives:

- (1) to attract and train the region's future work force
- (2) to provide physical business resources, WIFI access, and amenities for OST members
- (3) to develop opportunities to support diverse and minority owned businesses through program and resource access
- (4) to partner with the Gayle and Bill Cook Center for Entrepreneurship to aid OST members in business start-up and growth
- (5) to collaborate with area industry employers.

A compelling component of the OST Center for Entrepreneurship is the partnering with the Gayle and Bill Cook Center for Entrepreneurship. The OST will be able to offer access to such academic courses as business planning, marketing, taxes, and finance for the entrepreneur. In addition, the partnership will also afford the clients of the OST resources for business consulting and involvement in community programs and seminars that engage the entrepreneur. The OST also seeks to partner with area industry employers for expertise and input regarding in-demand jobs. Collaborating with local industries that will open up opportunities for creative response and economic advancement for diverse and minority owned businesses, provide input into work-base needed skills, and insights into the demands of the market for the entrepreneur.

The Covid-19 pandemic fostered a collaborative spirit within the Owen County community which has been the catalyst for exceptional economic growth. The Owen County Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development has witnessed this unprecedented growth and wishes to align with the need of the growing business community by providing capacity building resources through the OST co-working space. The Overstreet center will be a viable component of the future economic development of the county and region.