

ALBANY-DOUGHERTY
BUSINESS FIRST
JUMP START

THE PROCESS TO GET YOUR BUSINESS UP AND RUNNING

Dear Prospective Business Entrepreneur:

The City of Albany and Dougherty County would like to thank you for your interest in the Business First Program. This program has been designed to assist citizens in starting or expanding a business. It is our commitment to making Albany-Dougherty County the most competitive location for business and we need your input to make our community the location of choice for businesses like yours.

The Business First program uses a customer focused approach to link businesses with resources that help businesses stay and grow in our community. It gives a business owner, or those desiring to open a business, a single point of contact for a wide range of assistance. Our goal is to ensure that participants have an opportunity to ask questions, receive answers, and interact with a wide array of professionals from government and non-government entities.

Business First starts with an assessment of your operations today and your plans for the future by using a customer-oriented approach to economic development designed to link businesses to resources in the Albany-Dougherty community.

Your feedback is crucial to the program's success. Not only will the process help you, but we hope to gain a new level of understanding of the entire business communities' needs so that we can make smart policy decisions and identify new programs to help you remain competitive.

When an interview is scheduled with the Business First Team, please agree to meet – we are sure that it will be time well spent. Thank you for being a part of our business community and with your help, we will continue to make Albany-Dougherty County work for you.

Sincerely,



*City Manager
City of Albany*



*County Administrator
Dougherty County*