



BUSINESS MENTORS: RESOURCES

Thank you for serving as a mentor in the Stimulus Program, run by the SDA and Illinois SBDC @SSEGI. As you work with businesses, if you are in need of additional specialists – or think the business would be a good candidate for a Partner Program, please contact the business’ Relationship Manager or Ashley Bakelmun (ashley@rw-ventures.com) who can make the connection.

SPECIALISTS AVAILABLE TO MENTORS

Our team finds specialists on demand, as the need arises for a particular business. Once we connect you to specialists, they then complete the SDA’s standard contracts before beginning work with a business. The list below are specialists that have thus far been identified, but please let us know if there are others we can connect you with!

Specialist Type	Available Specialists
<i>Marketing/Branding</i>	Madisyn Hill Consulting; Rudd Resources; Elite Marketing; WDB Marketing; Lisa Cain Design; Ngenius Mindz Design
<i>Lawyer</i>	Sonia Coleman; Roland Burris II; Miner, Barnhill & Galland; Community Enterprise & Solidarity Economy Clinic; Laner Muchin; Neal & McDevitt
<i>Accountant</i>	Chawla & Associates
<i>Financial Advisors</i>	SB Partners; Forsyth Street
<i>Funds</i>	RDC; Old Plank Trail Community Bank/Wintrust
<i>Architect</i>	Edward Peck Design
<i>IT, e-commerce, cybersecurity</i>	Ralph Reid; Tim Flatland; Howard White
<i>Development/construction</i>	Chicago Neighborhood Initiatives; Chicago TREND
<i>Additive manufacturing</i>	3Degrees
<i>Compliance/Safety</i>	The Horton Group
<i>HR</i>	HUB International
<i>Medical Specialist</i>	Julie Hamos
<i>Supply Chain</i>	Chicago Minority Supplier Diversity Council

PARTNER PROGRAMS

You may find that one of these Partner Programs would benefit your client, in addition to your mentorship services.

Partner Program	Resources Available
<i>Lonely Entrepreneur</i>	An online program for entrepreneurs; businesses will have access to individual resources and a larger community through moderated discussions and group coaching sessions.
<i>Elevate Energy</i>	Provides technical assistance to contractors of color with high growth potential to expand or strengthen services; offers a portfolio of energy efficiency and solar projects as an opportunity pipeline for the engaged contractors.

<i>Women's Business Development Center</i>	Providing <i>ScaleUp-Innovate</i> , a 9-week cohort-based curriculum program for established, community businesses that are stagnant but poised for growth.
<i>League of Black Women</i>	Providing coaching to black women-owned firms.
<i>IMEC</i>	Conducting extensive outreach and quick assessments of Southland manufacturers to identify critical bottlenecks and production gaps; Deploying methods that can rapidly accelerate productivity and innovation for small and mid-sized manufacturers, particularly metal manufacturers.
<i>mHub</i>	Providing access to an extensive network of mentors with wide-ranging expertise, from design for manufacturability to supply chain management to financial management.