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63N-3-304 Establishment and administration of business resource centers -- Components.

- (1) The office shall establish business resource centers in at least four different geographical regions of the state where host institutions are located and the host institutions agree to enter into a business resource center partnership with the office.
- (2) The office, in partnership with a host institution, shall provide methodology and oversight for a business resource center.
- (3) A host institution shall contribute 50% of a business resource center's operating costs through cash or in-kind contributions, unless otherwise provided under Subsection 63N-3-307(3).
- (4) The office shall provide operational oversight and coordination of the business resource centers established under this part.
- (5)
 - (a) A business resource center shall work with state agencies in creating methods to coordinate functions and measure the impact of the efforts provided by the state agencies and the center.
 - (b) The host institution, state, local and federal governmental entities, quasi-governmental entities, and private entities may:
 - (i) participate in the activities offered by or through a business resource center; and
 - (ii) provide personnel or other appropriate links to the center.
 - (c)
 - (i) Other entities that are not initially involved in the establishment of a business resource center and that are capable of providing supportive services to Utah businesses may apply to the center to become a provider of services at the center.
 - (ii) Entities identified in Subsections (5)(a) and (b) shall provide the office with a service plan, to include funding, which would be made available or supplied to cover the expenses of their services offered at a business resource center.
- (6) A business resource center may:
 - (a) partner with the office, other host institutions, and other entities to develop and establish web-based access to virtual business resource center services over the Internet to assist in establishing and growing businesses in the state, particularly in those situations where traveling to a business resource center site is not practical;
 - (b) develop a data base and software for:
 - (i) tracking clients and their progress; and
 - (ii) tracking responses and services provided by state agencies and evaluating their effectiveness; and
 - (c) develop outreach programs and services targeted to business clients in rural areas of the state.
- (7) The office shall include in the annual written report described in Section 63N-1-301, a report on measured performance of economic development programs offered by or through established business resource centers.

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