



GOVERNMENT SERVICES

Close working relationships with county, and sometimes state governments are required when starting or expanding your business. To obtain a building permit, environmental regulations, fire inspections or occupational licenses, contact applicable departments of government.

If your business is located within a city you will also need a city license. Be sure to contact the appropriate City Hall. If your industry is state-regulated, you will also need a state license.

Many businesses can benefit from a number of incentive programs available to businesses in designated geographic or industry sectors. Programs such as the Empowerment Zone and Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) are government programs that offer tax credits to businesses that meet the criteria. The Miami-Dade Beacon Council is available to facilitate the process. Working with government also often includes extensive engagement with international consulates and foreign trade offices.

Organization	Business Information	Business Incentives	Inspection	Licensing Permitting	Procurement	Technical Assistance	International
Consulates (see full list in alpha order under Consulates)	X						X
Division of Corporations Florida Department of State	X			X			
Downtown Development Authority (DDA)	X			X			
Export-Import Bank of U.S. (EXIM)	X	X					
Food and Drug Administration (FDA)	X		X	X			
Miami-Dade Aviation Department Miami International Airport (MIA)	X						X
Miami-Dade County Department of Building	X				X		X
Miami-Dade County Department of Environmental Resource Management (DERM)	X		X	X			
Miami-Dade County Department of Fire Rescue	X		X	X			
Miami-Dade County Department of Planning and Zoning	X		X	X			
Miami-Dade County Department of Public Works	X		X	X			

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Miami-Dade County Department of Small Business Development	X				X	X	
Miami-Dade County Military Affairs Board	X				X	X	
Miami-Dade County Office of Economic Development and International Trade	X					X	X
Miami-Dade County Public Housing and Community Development	X	X	X	X			
Miami-Dade County Public Schools - Office of Economic Opportunity	X				X	X	
Miami-Dade County Seaport Department (PortMiami)	X		X			X	X
Miami-Dade County Tax Collector	X		X	X			
Miami-Dade County Transit Agency	X			X			
Miami-Dade County Water & Sewer Department	X		X	X	X		
Miami-Dade Economic Advocacy Trust (MDEAT)	X						
Military Miami-Dade	X	X			X		
Municipalities (see full list in alpha order under Municipality)	X	X	X	X			
PortMiami Foreign Trade Zone 281	X	X	X				X
South Florida Regional Planning Council	X						

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Trade Bureaus (see full list in alpha order under Trade)	X						X
U.S. Customs & Border Protection (CBP) - Miami International Airport (MIA)	X		X	X			
U.S. Department of Commerce Miami U.S. Export Assistance Center	X						
U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)	X	X			X	X	