



The Northwest Region Entrepreneurship Center (NWREC) was founded in October 2004 by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to serve as a catalyst for high-growth potential small and medium-sized business enterprises to develop into economically viable and sustainable companies that will grow and create jobs in Illinois. The (NWREC) region covers the ten northwest counties in Illinois: Bureau, Carroll, Henry, Jo Daviess, LaSalle, Lee, Mercer, Putnam, Rock Island and Whiteside.

Eligible businesses for NWREC counseling must meet the following requirements:

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- Start-up, small, or medium-sized for-profit, entrepreneurial business of 500 employees or less
- Located in the State of Illinois
- Currently or will be engaged in creating new services or products with high growth potential
- Has or is projected to have a growth rate of at least 10% in employment and revenue annually over a three-year period

Local Challenge Grant Winners

Bushel Basket Candles
www.bbcandle.com

The Herb Cellar
www.herbcellar.blogspot.com



Tuff Dog Bakery

www.froetindustries.com