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- The Illinois SBDC for Central Illinois, hosted by Growth Corp, follows its mission of providing professional guidance for business growth in ten Central Illinois counties, including Sangamon, Menard, Logan, Christian, Montgomery, Macoupin, Morgan, Cass, Greene, and Scott.
- The Illinois SBDC for Central Illinois carries on the long history established through the SBDC's 35-year role as a leader in economic development for the area. Hosted by SBA Certified Development Company, Growth Corp, the Center now adds access to the in-house expertise of one of the top 504 lenders in the country.

Growth Corp Building

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Mr. Lincoln's Hometown...

When you think of Springfield, Illinois, you think State Capitol and Abraham Lincoln. But the City and the surrounding area are so much more...

Ranked #1 of the 30 Best Cities to Live in America after the Pandemic Ends, the city boasts an incredibly vibrant art scene, an amazing local music scene, and history in spades.

Our residents love the low cost of living and easy commutes throughout the area and our businesses appreciate the thriving economy and international access that comes with our central location.

Meet our Illinois SBDC team



Kevin Lust
Director

Mr. Lust began his service at the Illinois SBDC at Lincoln Land Community College in August of 2005 and was with the Center through its closing in December of 2020, when he opened the new Illinois SBDC for Central Illinois. He originally began his career in banking and has owned his own professional services business since 1996, along with two other small businesses.

As the Illinois SBDC for Central Illinois establishes its new operations, we expect to utilize the services of three contracted advisors. One of the advisors has provided marketing advice to SBDC clients for four years through the Illinois SBDC at LLCC, one will be focused on the minority and underserved communities in the area, and one will devote their attention to the regions surrounding Springfield.

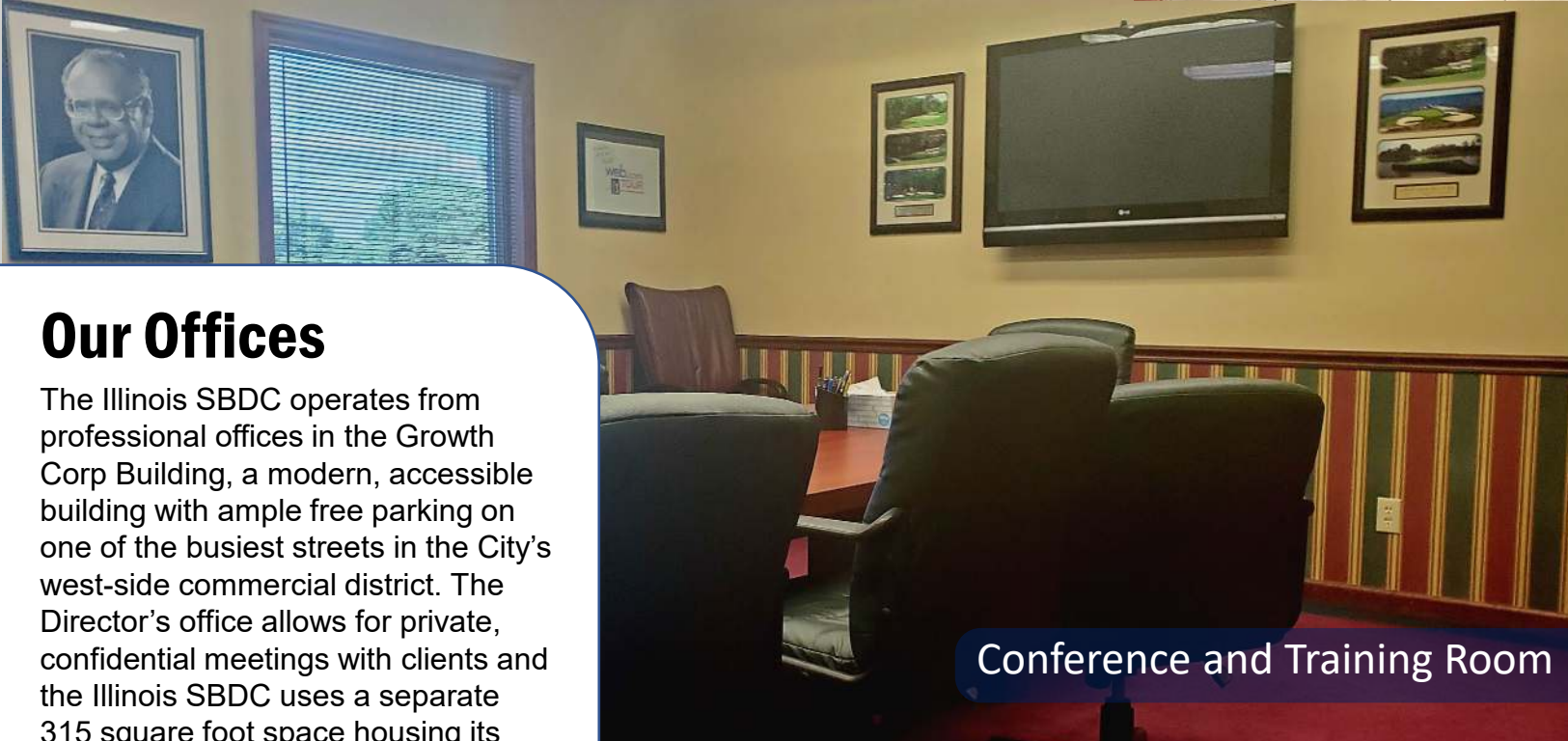
Illinois SBDC Location



Entrance



Signage



Conference and Training Room

Our Offices

The Illinois SBDC operates from professional offices in the Growth Corp Building, a modern, accessible building with ample free parking on one of the busiest streets in the City's west-side commercial district. The Director's office allows for private, confidential meetings with clients and the Illinois SBDC uses a separate 315 square foot space housing its John L. "Jack" Smith Small Business Library, which is open for clients and visitors during office hours.

Office Specialties

The Illinois SBDC for Central Illinois brings a special market focus to the service sector. The seat of State government, the Springfield area economy is heavily weighted to service-oriented businesses and there are a great number of opportunities for businesses of all sizes in that marketplace. Also, the Director has built extensive experience and an additional market sector focus in the restaurant industry.



Private Office for Consulting