

ILLINOIS COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT CENTER



A program of the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs at Western Illinois University

OVERVIEW

Illinois Cooperative Development Center (ICDC) helps cooperatives and other businesses in rural Illinois start up and succeed, through technical assistance, training, and publications. Assistance is delivered through a combination of Center staff, partner cooperative development agencies, and paid consultants, and is available free of charge. Cooperatives in all sectors are eligible for assistance, though the Center has particular expertise in value-added and sustainable agriculture, local foods, and renewable energy. ICDC is a program of the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs (IIRA) at Western Illinois University and is funded by USDA Rural Development.

TYPES OF ASSISTANCE PROVIDED

- Strategic visioning & planning
- Feasibility studies
- Business plan analysis
- Incorporation process
- Legal consulting
- Creation of bylaws
- Cooperative finance & accounting
- Grant writing techniques
- Marketing studies
- Supply chain development
- Member recruitment
- Target industry analysis
- Web & social media consulting
- Succession planning

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