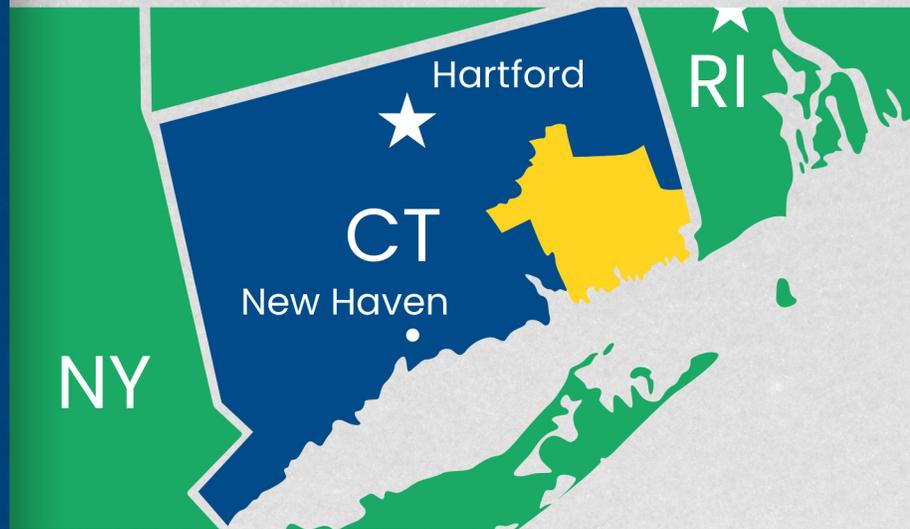


# Southeastern Connecticut Enterprise Region



## What is seCTer?

The Southeastern Connecticut Enterprise Region Corporation (seCTer) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, designated by federal, state and local authorities as the Economic Development Organization of the Economic Development District of southeastern Connecticut. The district is comprised of the twenty-two municipalities and boroughs in southeastern Connecticut. As the lead economic development resource for the region, seCTer's primary focus is the economic health, resilience, and viability of southeastern Connecticut.

## Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

seCTer facilitates and helps to advance the region's Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS). The CEDS identifies strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and challenges in southeastern Connecticut.

## Access to Capital

seCTer's non-traditional, community development based small business lending programs help small and medium sized business expand, relocate to the region, and stay in the region. seCTerRise is a grant program designed to help businesses at any stage of the business life cycle. These programs are state and federally funded.

## Business Advising

No-cost advising services to both prospective and existing business owners to help them start or expand their business in southeastern Connecticut.

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# Government Procurement Assistance

seCTer is the host of CT APEX Accelerator, a state-wide agency. This APEX Accelerator is funded in part through a cooperative agreement with the Department of Defense. In addition, the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development contributes matching funds. Formerly known as CT PTAC, APEX provides technical assistance to Connecticut businesses interested in selling their goods and services to federal, state and local governments, including the region's two indigenous tribal governments and Prime Contractors. APEX support is vital to the success of small businesses navigating the government contracting system.

# Site Finding

seCTer collaborates with the state economic development partners, AdvanceCT and the Department of Economic and Community Development, to help developers and businesses find available sites within the region.

# Data

seCTer has access to premier data tools covering demographics and business statistics to inform municipal decision-making, workforce development programs, business plans, and more. seCTer offers grant writing support and management for Economic Development Administration grants in the region.

# Connections

seCTer is a part of the network that includes leaders of the region's public, private and non-profit sectors. seCTer regularly interacts with the region's chambers of commerce, workforce investment board, community banks, higher education institutions, government officials, tribal nations, business associations, arts, council of governments, and private business.



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