



U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**Whys and Hows of Working with the
U.S. Chamber of Commerce
and
Your State and Local Chambers**

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What is the U.S. Chamber of Commerce?

- **An Advocacy Organization**
 - Over 100 years old
 - Develop and implement policy on major issues affecting business
 - More than 1,500 representatives from member corporations, trade associations, organizations, state & local chambers, and the academic community serve on committees, subcommittees, task forces, and councils

Our Mission: Strengthen U.S. Economic Competitiveness

- 10 Key Challenges

- A Competitive Workforce
- Capital Markets
- Energy
- Healthcare
- Innovation
- International Trade & Investment
- Legal Reform
- Regulatory Reform
- Reliable and Secure Infrastructure
- Tax & Entitlement Reform

Difference Between U.S. Chamber & State or Local Chambers?

- **Focus**

- All Chambers can focus on all levels of government, HOWEVER
 - U.S. Chamber focuses on national issues at the federal level
 - State Chambers tend to focus on state issues
 - Local Chambers tend to focus on local issues

- **Organization**

- U.S. Chamber of Commerce is NOT a governing body or regulatory agency
- U.S. Chamber does NOT have a say in how state or local chambers run themselves
- Any community can organize and support a chamber

U.S. Chamber of Commerce Committee of 100 (CCC100)

- **Elite Group of State & Local Chamber Executives**
 - Provide perspectives of state & local chambers and their members to the U.S. Chamber
 - Identify emerging issues that will impact state & local chambers and their members
 - Advise the U.S. Chamber on programs and services for state & local chambers and their members
 - Provide feedback on policy-related issues

The \$1 Million Question:

- How can you engage with the:
 - U.S. Chamber?
 - Washington, DC offices
 - Regional Offices
(see slide 7 for regions & phone numbers)
 - State Chamber?
 - Local Chambers?

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Regional Offices

- **Eastern Region**

Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont, West Virginia
Phone: (401) 831-8885

- **Great Lakes Region**

Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania
Phone: (312) 983-7113

- **Midwest Region**

Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin
Phone: (952) 832-9151

- **Northwest Region**

Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, Wyoming
Phone: (425) 774-8094

- **Southeastern Region**

Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, Mississippi
Phone: (770) 951-8864

- **Southwest & South Central Region**

Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas
Phone: (972)-387-1099 x 4244

- **Western Region**

Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah
Phone: (818) 884-0702

Questions?

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