

## **About The 567 Business Incubator**

### **Introduction**

The goal of The 567 Business Incubator is to help new small businesses succeed in downtown Macon. We want to walk along side you through the early stages of starting a business, providing expertise and directing you to a wide-range of resources. Whether you're still trying to decide if you want to start your own business, or if you have a home-based business that you want to take to the next level, we're here to help.

### **About the business assistance**

We look at the needs of each participant to provide services tailored to the individuals needs. Services may include help creating a business plan, courses for small businesses on topics such financing, or consultation from professionals such as accountants and web designers. These services may be free or at a nominal fee. Participants who desire an experienced business person to meet with them regularly to answer their questions about running a business may receive a mentor. They will also benefit from networking with the other participants in the program who are in varying stages of starting their own business.

### **About our facility**

Our beautiful, newly-restored facility has a range of amenities available to our incubator businesses. All participants are welcome to use our high-speed wireless internet. Coffee and other drinks for participants and their guests are also complimentary. The conference space in our facility is decorated with local artwork and includes equipment to make audio-visual presentations, such as PowerPoint. There is also a workroom available with a multi-purpose copier/printer/scanner that participants can use for a nominal, per-page fee. Participants may use The 567 as a business address where they can receive mail and packages.

### **About the office space**

There are a range of work spaces in our facility available to program participants. For individuals who primarily work at home or otherwise do not require office space, they can use our comfortable, art-filled common areas. There are a range of chairs and tables in the common areas where individuals may work. For businesses that need private office space, there are offices available for use ranging from 94 to 170 sq. ft. Offices may be furnished with a desk, chair, and filing cabinet at no additional charge.

### **Program fees**

The 567 has a monthly fee scale based on office space use. We require a minimum of a 3-month commitment to our program. The basic package is for those who do not use a private office.

<b>Office type</b>	<b>Size</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Basic package	N/A	\$70
Small office	94 sq. ft.	\$250
Medium office	130 sq. ft.	\$300
Large office	170 sq. ft.	\$350

For deserving participants that cannot afford those fees, The 567 is able to work with you on a per-case basis. Just ask.

### **The application process**

As a business incubator, we only accept participants whose businesses fit the goals of our program. We'd love to sit down and talk with you to get to know you and learn more about your new business.

If you have any further questions, feel free to contact The 567's executive director, Melissa Macker. You may e-mail her at [Melissa@the567.org](mailto:Melissa@the567.org) or call her at (334) 549-8700.