



## Meat Packers & Processors Assistance Program

### Who are these programs for?

- Existing Small Meat Packers
- Those that want to start or expand a meat processing business
- Individuals who would like to train to become meat cutters

### Overview of Services Provided

- **Funding options** for those interested in starting or expanding an Indiana meat packing / processing business.
  - Applies to all Indiana meat and poultry packers and processors that are not members of “the big four” (Cargill, Tyson Foods, JBS SA and National Beef Packing)
- No-cost **professional business counseling** for agribusiness via the Indiana SBDC Agribusiness Initiative
  - Applies to all meat packing businesses that meet the “small” classification as defined by the SBA (less than 1,000 employees), including those interested in starting a new business
- **Training scholarships** that are available for employees of small and start-up meat packers /processors to the Boiler Butcher Basics Workshops (talleres disponible en español)
  - Restricted to meat packers with less than 50 employees and less than \$1 million in sales
  - Initial priority is for businesses located in the five REDM regions\* (see citation below)
  - Spanish language instruction will be provided, as needed
- Training scholarships to Boiler Butcher Basics Workshops for those individuals who wish to become meat cutters and / or interested in starting a business that requires meat cutting
- *Becas de capacitación a Boiler Butcher Basics Talleres para aquellas personas que deseen convertirse en cortadores de carne y/o estén interesadas en iniciar un negocio que requiera corte de carne*
  - Initial priority to residents of the five REDM regions\*(see below)
  - Featuring Spanish language instruction, as needed
- One small meat processing / packing business will qualify for a pilot session of Reality Spanish / Reality English for agribusiness\*

### How to learn more about these free services

- Watch for in-person meeting announcements across selected sites in Indiana!
- Participate in a Meat & Greet Online workshop: ([link here](#))
- E-mail us for more information at ([isbdc ag submissions link here](#)) or call 765.454.7922

\*Some of this programming initially is reserved for persons and businesses in Indiana regions that participated in the Rural Economic Development Modeling Regional Ag Strategies with the Indiana Economic Development Association and Purdue Center for Regional Development. The preferred regions are I 74, KIRPC, North Central, Southwest Central, and West Central, that include the following counties: Benton, Cass, Clay, Clinton, Crawford, Daviess, Dearborn, Decatur, Dubois, Franklin, Greene, Harrison, Howard, Jackson, Jasper, Knox, Lawrence, Martin, Miami, Newton, Orange, Parke, Perry, Pike, Pulaski, Putnam, Ripley, Rush, Shelby, Spencer, Starke, Sullivan, Tipton, Vermillion, Vigo, Washington, and White.