



Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry Secretary Kathy Manderino and Department of Community and Economic Development Secretary Dennis Davin made a pit stop on their “Jobs that Pay” tour last week at the Jump Start Incubator (JSI) in Reading at the Kutztown University Small Business Development Center (SBDC). Following the tour of JSI, Manderino and Davin attended a roundtable discussion with some of the incubator's current clients including R&B Legal, and Cast & Crew. While touring the facility, they provided the following comments:

“Small businesses are the lifeblood of Pennsylvania’s economy. Our goal is to support startups during their critical initial development and work with them to provide a pool of qualified, well-trained employees as they prepare to grow and expand their businesses.” – Secretary Manderino

“The small business community in Pennsylvania is integral to our economy, employing nearly half of the state's private sector workforce. The unbridled potential associated with business growth and expansion in Pennsylvania has helped turn the dreams of business ownership into opportunities for many all across the commonwealth and we're excited to discuss these opportunities today at Jump Start.” – Secretary Davin

JSI supports development and growth of businesses at all stages in the economic cycle. By providing support to entrepreneurs in the area, the incubator works to bring jobs back to local employees, providing opportunity for all. The Kutztown University SBDC provides confidential, no-fee assistance to companies in the areas of bookkeeping, marketing and market research, human resources, financial analysis, and provides access to industry professionals. Business owners in Berks, Chester, Dauphin, Lancaster, and Lebanon counties are encouraged to contact the Kutztown University SBDC to learn more about their business development services.