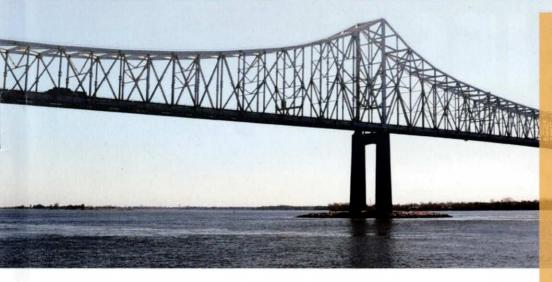




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BUSINESS SPOTLIGHTS

Adroit Consultants, LLC

ADROIT

Established in 2014, Adroit Consultants, LLC is a consulting firm that provides construction management, construction CPM scheduling, project control, progress photography, and progress monitoring services to a broad client base.

In the field of project management, Adroit delivers effective solutions that help the clients

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DIGroup Architecture

DIGroup Architecture: Giving Back through Architecture for Change

Founded in 2006 on the premise of collaboration and creating DIGroup Architecture equity for all through physical space, DIGroup Architecture (DIG) subscribes to the axiom "Architecture for Change" - a

ARCHITECTURE FOR CHANGE

philosophy that has applied since it earliest days to the built environment, its talented

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Hope Chocolates



Founded in 2023, Hope Chocolates is a Camden, New Jersey-based non-profit dedicated to crafting premium Premium Chocolate, Premium Chocolate, Premium Chocolate products while providing meaningful employment and training opportunities for individuals reentering society

after incarceration. With a mission to uplift the community through the art of chocolatemaking, Hope Chocolates embraces the principles of craftsmanship, compassion, and second chances.

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DRPA MISSION

As stewards of public assets, we provide for the safe and efficient operation of transportation services and facilities in a manner that creates value for the public we serve.

OBD&EO MISSION

"A group of committed individuals dedicated to pursuing equal employment and contracting opportunities for everyone."

> Diversity. Fairness.

Hope Chocolates

Under the guidance of Bill Antinore, Executive Director of Seeds of Hope, Hope Chocolates aims to transform lives and promote reintegration. Antinore and his wife, Brenda, have been actively engaged with the South Camden community since 1999, and their passion for service has driven the establishment of this innovative initiative. "We hope that people will come to know what great products we offer so we can hire more people and have a greater impact," says Antinore.

Hope Chocolates prides itself on the quality of its products, using 100% Belgian chocolate to create exquisite treats. The organization's commitment to excellence has garnered support from local businesses, including Running Deer Golf Club and FullBloom. They regularly engage with inmates across South Jersey prisons, providing mentorship and fostering skills that empower individuals for successful reintegration.





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As Hope Chocolates continues to grow, they are excited about expanding their product line. Bruce Smith, an industry expert, notes, "We started fairly simply with a set of fine chocolate bars and beautiful boxed sets. As we train our chocolatiers, we are expanding to include higher-end products."

For delicious chocolates that not only delight the senses but also support a worthy cause, visit <u>www.HopeChocolates.com.</u> Together, we can savor the sweet taste of hope and transformation.

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SBA: \$30M for Women's Biz Centers

The Small Business Administration announced that \$30 million in funding is available to non-profit organizations to set up specialized Women's Business Centers, including one or more centers specifically to assist women business owners with federal contracting. The specialized centers will be part of the SBA's network of 152 Women's Business Centers in the U.S. and Puerto Rico. Eligible organizations selected will receive up to \$150,000 to open and operate a center. The specialized centers will focus on:

- Supporting women in applying for the SBA's Women-Owned Small Business (WOSB) and Economically Disadvantaged WOSB federal contracting programs, with procurement assistance and entrepreneurial development;
- Entrepreneurial development for women-owned child care services small businesses;
- Entrepreneurial development for women, with an emphasis on socially and economically disadvantaged entrepreneurs. The services would be in currently underserved geographic areas or would be provided as mostly or entirely virtual services; and
- Funding for a Women's Business Center in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

More information: https://tinyurl.com/245xs4ma

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