

## OVERVIEW

Since September 2015, three executives from small business have been participating in the Entrepreneur-in-Residence Program (EIR). Led by the LeanOhio office, the pilot program aims to strengthen the connection between small business and state government.

During their year-long participation in the program, EIRs and their businesses gain experience and tools from leaders in process improvement. The state gains insights into private-sector best practices and challenges, while learning ways to make government more responsive to the needs of small business.

Entrepreneurs of various backgrounds are encouraged to participate, including female entrepreneurs, MBEs (Minority Business Enterprises), and EDGE businesses (Encouraging Diversity, Growth and Equity).

LeanOhio’s mission is to make state government simpler, faster, better, and less costly. The LeanOhio Office is a nationwide leader in Lean Six Sigma in the public sector, having completed more than 80 major improvement projects and events since January 2011.

### Benefits to the Entrepreneur

- Lean Six Sigma Green Belt certification
- Learning and networking with a big network of Lean practitioners
- Improved understanding of government programs, processes, and resources

### Benefits to the Company

- Exposure to multiple state agencies
- Strengthened employee leadership and Lean Six Sigma skills
- An insider’s perspective on how government works

### Benefits to Government

- Shared best practices between private and public sector
- Greater awareness of opportunities and challenges experienced by small business
- New perspectives and approaches on problem-solving

## Entrepreneur-in-Residence Timeline



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