

**GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AND
BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT (GO-BIZ)**



Overview and Activities

GO-Biz serves as California's single point of contact for economic development and job creation efforts, offering a range of services to business owners, including:

- Attraction, retention, and expansion services
- Site selection
- Permit streamlining and clearing of regulatory hurdles
- Small business assistance
- International trade development
- Assistance with state government





Leslie McBride

GO-BIZ UNIT: BUSINESS INVESTMENT SERVICES

Works with companies to expand their presence in California by streamlining the site selection process and offsetting the cost of doing business with the use of local, state and federal incentives.



Barbara A. Vohryzek

GO-BIZ UNIT: SMALL BUSINESS

Provides small business assistance through interagency projects, informational workshops, and direct advocacy. Also maintains a comprehensive list of resources for small business technical assistance, financing, and state procurement.



Paul Martin

GO-BIZ UNIT: PERMIT ASSISTANCE

Provides permit streamlining for job-creating projects. The permitting team also administers the state's electronic on-line permit assistance center, CalGOLD.

GO-BIZ UNIT: INNOVATION & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Administers the state Innovation Hub (iHub) program which includes 12 iHubs stretching from Chico to San Diego. These regional innovation clusters bring together government, academia, and business to further enhance California's entrepreneurial ecosystem.

A professional headshot of Louis Stewart, a Black man with a goatee, smiling. He is wearing a dark suit jacket, a white dress shirt, and a yellow and white striped tie. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

Louis Stewart

GO-BIZ UNIT: INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS & TRADE DEVELOPMENT

Provides support on international trade and investment opportunities, foreign relations, international agreements and partnerships with the countries that have a friendly relationship with California.



Paul Oliva