

<p><b>Program Purpose</b></p>	<p>To provide businesses with free, confidential assistance to help them understand and comply with environmental regulations.</p>
<p><b>Eligible Applicants</b></p>	<p>Any business with 500 or fewer employees.</p>
<p><b>Eligible Services</b></p>	<p>The SBEO program offers technical assistance services to help businesses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Understand state and federal environmental regulations</li> <li>▪ Develop a plan of action, to address environmental quality issues</li> <li>▪ Get referrals to other assistance programs</li> </ul> <p>The SBEO program provides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A toll-free hotline for confidential compliance inquiries: (877) 247-2329</li> <li>▪ Assistance to industry organizations to assess the impact of proposed regulations on small businesses</li> <li>▪ Workshops on special topics to help industry sectors improve compliance</li> </ul>
<p><b>Availability of Service</b></p>	<p>SBEO offers free, confidential assistance on request. There is no limit on availability.</p>
<p><b>How to Access</b></p>	<p>Contact the SBEO directly. All requests are addressed confidentially.</p>
<p><b>Contact Information</b></p>	<p>Call: (877) 247-2329 (toll free and confidential)          Email: <a href="mailto:environment@empire.state.ny.us">environment@empire.state.ny.us</a>          On the web: <a href="http://www.empire.state.ny.us/environment">www.empire.state.ny.us/environment</a> Click on "permitting and compliance assistance."</p>