

1st STOP CHECKLIST: TELEPHONE COMPANY LOCAL/LONG DISTANCE (NON-CELLULAR)

REQUIREMENTS & REGULATIONS

- [] For more information, consult the **Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 128**. The ORC can be found at your local library or on-line at <http://codes.ohio.gov/orc> **Remember to check local government agencies**

- [] If you are going to start a non-cellular local and/or long distance telephone service company, you must contact the **Ohio Public Utilities Commission (PUCO) Telecommunications Division** at **(800) 686-7826** or **(614) 466-3292**. They will provide you with the local competition guidelines, minimum telephone service standards and necessary forms. Information is also on-line at www.puco.ohio.gov. **Remember to check local government agencies**

- [] The **Federal Communications Commission (FCC)** also regulates the telephone industry. For more information, please contact the FCC at **(888) 225-5322**. The FCC is also on-line at www.fcc.gov. **Remember to check local government agencies**

For more help, contact your local Small Business Development Center (SBDC).

www.ohiosbdc.ohio.gov

REMEMBER TO CHECK LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

THIS CHECKLIST IS ABOUT STATE REQUIREMENTS.