

# Division of Small Business – July 2018 update

»» The Delaware Division of Small Business hosted Governor John Carney recently on two walking tours, during which he experienced firsthand the spirit of the state's small business community.

The governor visited downtown Dover businesses in April and toured businesses in Rehoboth Beach in May. The latter was in conjunction with the start of the summer season for Delaware's \$3.3 billion tourism industry.

The Dover tour was part of the launch of the Unlock the Block initiative, which aims to recruit small business owners to open a location in select vacant commercial properties on or adjacent to Lookerman Street in downtown Dover.

The governor visited some of the properties that are available for lease



*Gov. John Carney visited The Loocke, a sister store to Bel Boutique, during a walking tour of small businesses.*

through the program. He also stopped into several existing successful businesses including The Loocke boutique, The Moving Experience,

Petite Sweets and House of Coffi.

The Rehoboth Beach tour included visits to a wide range of businesses.

The stops included Thrasher's, Dolle's, where the governor got to see taffy being made and Grotto Pizza, where he tried his hand at making pizza.

The Delaware Division of Small Business provides small business owners, or those looking to start a business, with the advice and assistance that will help them take their business to the next level.

The Division's mission is to make Delaware the No. 1 state in the U.S. for small business.

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