

# National Resources

## **Association of Small Business Development Centers**

<http://www.asbdc-us.org/>

The Association of Small Business Development Centers (ASBDC) is the most comprehensive small business assistance network in the United States and its territories. The mission of the network is to help new entrepreneurs realize the dream of business ownership, and to assist existing businesses to remain competitive in the complex marketplace of an ever-changing global economy. In short, your success is our business. Hosted by leading universities, colleges, and state economic development agencies, and funded in part through a partnership with the U.S. Small Business Administration, approximately 1,000 service centers are available to provide no-cost consulting and low-cost training.

## **Kauffman Foundation Entrepreneurship.org**

<http://www.entrepreneurship.org>

Created by the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, Entrepreneurship.org was formed as a free, online international resource designed to help build entrepreneurial economies. Entrepreneurship.org features a vast array of content and resources to assist entrepreneurs, business mentors, policy makers, academics and investors through each phase of the entrepreneurial process. The content ranges from resources entrepreneurs need to launch a company to policies and research that has been conducted regarding entrepreneurship. The website also has a large amount of content that relates to entrepreneurship activities, policies and research from around the world.

## **SCORE**

409 3rd Street, SW, 6th Floor, Washington, DC 20024, (800) 634-0245, <http://www.score.org/>

SCORE provides free business counseling and low-cost workshops to both startup and existing businesses through almost 400 chapters located throughout the United States. Those services are provided using volunteer counselors with a wide range of business experience, and is supported, in part, by the U.S. Small Business Administration.

## **U.S. Small Business Administration**

<http://www.sba.gov/index.html>

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is an independent agency of the federal government to aid, counsel, assist and protect the interests of small business concerns, to preserve free competitive enterprise and to maintain and strengthen the overall economy of our nations.

### **- Office of Entrepreneurial Development**

<http://www.sba.gov/ed/>

The Office of Entrepreneurial Development helps small businesses start, grow and be competitive in global markets by providing quality training, counseling and other forms of management and technical assistance.

### **- Office of Government Contracting and Business Development**

<http://www.sba.gov/qcbd/>

The Office of Government and General Contracting's mission is to help enhance the effectiveness of small business programs by working with Government Contracting and Business Development (GC/BD) program offices and others to develop policies, regulations, and statutory changes

### **- Office of National Ombudsman**

<http://www.sba.gov/ombudsman/>

The National Ombudsman's primary mission is to assist small businesses when they experience excessive federal regulatory enforcement actions, such as repetitive audits or investigations, excessive fines, penalties, threats, retaliation or other unfair enforcement action by a federal agency.

### **- Office of Technology SBIR/STTR**

<http://www.sba.gov/sbir/>:

The Office of Technology strengthens and expands the competitiveness of U. S. small high technology research and development businesses in the federal marketplace. It also provides information on the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) grant programs.

### **- Office of Veterans Business Development**

<http://www.sba.gov/vets/>:

The Office of Veterans Business Development (OVBD) is dedicated to serving the veteran entrepreneur by formulating, executing and promoting policies and programs of the agency that provides assistance to veterans seeking to start and develop small businesses.

### **- Office of Women's Business Ownership Entrepreneurial Development**

<http://www.sba.gov/aboutsba/sbaprograms/onlinewbc/>

The Office of Women's Business Ownership (OWBO) exists to establish and oversee a network of Women's Business Centers (WBCs) throughout the United States and its territories. Through the management and technical assistance provided by the WBCs, entrepreneurs, especially women who are economically or socially disadvantaged, are offered comprehensive training and counseling on a vast array of topics in many languages to help them start and grow their own businesses.

### **- Training Network**

<http://www.sba.gov/training/>

The Small Business Training Network is a virtual campus housing free training courses, workshops and knowledge resources designed to assist entrepreneurs and other students of enterprise.