

Web Resources

The internet offers a wealth of invaluable information to entrepreneurs and small business owners. Here are just a few recommended websites to get you started:

About.com's Small Business Information Center

www.sbinformation.about.com/smallbusiness/sbinformation

A wealth of information on topics from business plans, home businesses and starting and financing a business to government help, legal matters, and web marketing. This site includes a one-stop page of recommended web sites for small business information.

BizMove

www.bizmove.com

Offers reference materials and services for small and home-based business owners including recommended websites, a small business search engine, business forms and a library.

Bplans.com

www.bplans.com

Provides sample business plans, marketing plans, online business plan books, and access to expert advice. You'll find sample business plans from sectors such as manufacturing, health, international marketing, retail, and computers.

Commerce Clearing House's Business Owner's Toolkit

www.toolkit.cch.com

Features small and home office guides to everyday business matters such as starting and planning your business, finance, marketing, your office and equipment, personnel, accounting, and taxes coupled with a comprehensive listing of business tools including model business forms, financial templates, and checklist.

Export.gov

<http://www.export.gov>

This export portal of the US Commercial Service offers valuable assistance to help your business export goods and services to markets worldwide. From this site you can access a global listing of trade events, international market research, and practical tools to help with every step of the export process.

Franchise.com

www.franchise.com

A great site to not only learn about franchising, but also a valuable resource for browsing what franchise opportunities are available both in the US, Canada, and abroad.

International Franchise Association

www.franchise.org

One-stop shopping experience for franchise information. The IFA is a membership organization of franchisers, franchisees, and suppliers. Included on this website are franchise opportunities, developments, resource center, and franchise information for minorities and women.

MoreBusiness.Com

www.morebusiness.com

Has lots of useful small business information on topics ranging from starting your own business and incorporating to templates and tools with sample business and marketing plans.

U.S. Business Advisor

<http://www.business.gov/>

Business.gov is an access point to all government services and information to help businesses operate within the parameters of Federal rules and regulations. This includes resources on compliance information on Federal rules and regulations; forms that may be either printed or electronically completed and submitted to government agencies; access to state and local government web-based resources; and additional information and services provided by the occasional non-profit or for-profit organization in support of the U.S. business community.

Yahoo! Small Business

www.smallbusiness.yahoo.com

Combines news and wide-ranging content, small business communities where professionals can meet and share ideas and interactive business and communication tools to enhance productivity.