



LAW AND STATISTICS

SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCES

Small Business Administration

www.sba.gov/

Starting, Financing, and Managing your business; Business Opportunities; Disaster Recovery; and local information by state.

The Small Business Advisor

www.isquare.com

Articles on starting and operating a business, marketing, selling, legal issues, customers, and the internet. Also contains a glossary of business terms, tax advice, checklists, and more.

City of Benicia

<http://tinyurl.com/yhdgrb3>

Provides business incentives, organizations, community profile, demographics, market dynamics, real estate and facility costs.

Solano County

http://www.co.solano.ca.us/depts/treasurer_clerk/county_clerk/fictitious_business_name.asp

Fictitious Business Name application online and information for doing business with Solano county.

Small Business Development Center

www.solanosbdc.org

Offers workshops and business consulting services. Also will provide a free start-up kit. Contact @707-864-3382

Chamber of Commerce

www.beniciachamber.com

News, events, committees, and member directory. Contact @ 707-745-2120

Nolo—Small Businesses

www.nolo.com and select from left column Legal articles to everyday law. Also articles on starting a business, choosing a structure, writing a plan.

Biz Stats

www.bizstats.com

Provides small business statistics including benchmarks, financial ratios, safest and riskiest types of small business and more.

PUBLIC RECORDS

Search Systems

www.searchsystems.net/index.php

Free site for searching public records of all types nationwide, by state, or county. Also verify licenses by job type.

Whois.net: Domain-based Research Services

www.whois.net

Look up domain names by keyword or domain. Get a domain name or search through deleted ones. Also provides trademark information.

DATABASES

www.benicialibrary.org/research/snapdatabases

Requires Library Cards, see front for eCard info.

Reference USA

This database offers verified details on 14 million US businesses. It makes it faster and easier to find new business opportunities, research executives and companies, find news articles, locate addresses and phone numbers, conduct market research and much more.

Demographics Now

Business & Marketing Plans—Determine where you should locate your business. Understand your customers better — How much do they spend? Analyze new markets. Target mail and advertising programs. Identify your competitors.

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Web Library



www.benicialibrary.org/internet/smallbusiness

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Small Business Web Library

Benicia Public Library

150 East L Street Benicia, CA 94510
707-746-4343 IM: BeniciaLibrary

Monday—Thursday 10:00 am—9:00 pm
Friday—Sunday 12:00 pm—6:00 pm

STARTING A BUSINESS

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www.sos.ca.gov/business/be/starting-a-business.htm

This site provides 7 steps to follow to start your Business.

Entrepreneur: Starting and Growing a Small Business

www.entrepreneur.com

Includes franchise and business opportunities, articles from Entrepreneur Magazine, business plans, e-business, best banks, raising funds, inventions, advertising and marketing.

Business Law & Regulations

www.sba.gov/category/navigation-structure/starting-managing-business/starting-business/business-law-regulations

Free forms issued by federal government to comply with regulations or apply for government-backed loans and federal assistance.

BusinessLaw.Gov

www.sba.gov/advo/regulatory.html

Starting a business, Doing business, Managing Employees, Handling finances, Paying taxes, Getting out of business, finding a lawyer, federal, state, and local laws and regulations, visa classifications, EIN eApplication.

Startup Journal: The Wall Street Journal Center for Entrepreneurs

www.startupjournal.com

Businesses and franchises for sale (stars means company paid to be listed first). Sample business plans, starting costs calculator, ideas. Articles on financing and technology and much more.

HealthCoverageGuide.org

www.healthcoverageguide.org

Tools to help you decide about providing insurance for you employees.

CalGOLD: Business Permits Made Simple

www.calgold.ca.gov

Provides businesses with information on permits and other requirements of California agencies at all levels of government including addresses. Searchable by business type and location.

Welcome Business USA

www.welcomebiz.com

Checklists for Start-up business, operations, human resources, marketing/advertising, sales, accounting and bookkeeping, start-up financials. Business plans and articles to answer your questions on insurance, management, finances, e-commerce, sales, and marketing.

CCH Business Owner's Toolkit

www.toolkit.cch.com

Business Guides for starting, planning, financing, marketing, government contracts, office equipment, employees, taxes, protecting your assets, getting out of business, plus business tool sheets, and Ask Alice

Fambiz.com

www.fambiz.com

Information adapted for family-owned companies covering sibling rivalry, and inter-generational questions.

BUSINESS PLANS

SBA: Business Plan Basics

www.sba.gov

Click on Small Business Planning. Step by step tutorial on writing a business plan.

Bplans: Business Planning Made Easy

www.bplans.com

Business plan how-to's plus samples of successful plans. Calculators, Website positioning, e-business, checklists, and quiz for success potential.

Small Business Startups: Business Plans & Entities

www.microsoft.com/business/en-us/resources/startups/small-business-plans-pportunities.aspx?fbid=jIETv2kxez3

Links to dealing with business plans: Is LLC the best entity for your business; Oedipus Wrecks' and other business names to avoid; Pick the business entity that's right for you; Start your business partnership off right; How to find America's best-paying cities; More pros than cons to becoming an S corporation; Sole proprietorships; and biggest mistakes of business startups.



WOMEN AND MINORITY OWNED BUSINESSES

Online Women's Business Center

www.sba.gov/about-offices-content/1/2895

Articles on starting, running, and marketing a business, mentoring and counseling, government contracting, profitable businesses, and disaster assistance. The information is directed to women by of interest to any entrepreneur.

Minority Business Development Agency

www.mbda.gov/?section_id=8

Information and checklists on starting, financing, contracting, and managing a business. Tools and local offices provided for advice.

FRANCHISING/WORK FROM HOME

Be The Boss

www.betheboss.com

Contains business and franchise opportunities. Select by category or investment amount. Updated daily.

Franchise

www.franchise.com

Articles on franchising. Plus lists of requirements for purchasing any given franchise.

SUPPORTING ORGANIZATIONS/ COUNSELING

SCORE: Counselors to America's Small Business

www.score.org

Find free confidential counseling by e-mail by expertise or state. Learning center provides 60-second guide on subjects such as building word of mouth, collecting payment, employee recruiting, developing a pricing strategy, disaster recovery, and much more.