

Web Resources

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

Economic Development Corporation of Manitowoc County

www.edcmc.org

A website incorporating all the information in this guide plus additional information on technical and financial programs and services.

Wisconsin Department of Commerce

www.commerce.state.wi.us/

An extremely well done site specific to doing business in Wisconsin with sections on start-up, expansion, finance, international business, technical resources, business statistics, and more.

Small Business Administration (SBA) Online

www.sbaonline.sba.gov

Includes information on SBA programs and publications on starting, financing, and expanding a small business as well as an SBA classroom, outside resources, and an online library.

Small Business Classroom

www.sba.gov/training/entrepreneurship.html

The SBA is collaborating with My Own Business, Inc. to provide a free online Entrepreneurship course for small business owners and entrepreneurs. This 11 session virtual business seminar focuses on the most important areas of business start-up and operating a business. The course is interactive and has an online tool to create a business plan. The course can be used in sequence or the eleven topics can be studied independently.

US Business Advisor

www.business.gov

The one-stop electronic link to government for business is the SBA's small business online access to guides and government forms needed to comply with regulations or apply for government-backed loans or other federal assistance.

Export.gov

www.export.gov/comm_svc

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.

About.com's Small Business Information Center

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.

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 couple with a comprehensive listing of business tools including model business forms, financial templates, and checklist.

Yahoo! Small Business

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.

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.

BizMove

www.bizmove.com

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

EntreWorld

www.entreworld.org

Provides a wealth of information on starting your business including a resource database of more than a thousand web resources for entrepreneurs, advice from top experts, events calendars, email newsletters, and more.

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, an 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.

Women-21.gov

www.women-21.gov/

A government website that specializes in resources specifically for Women Entrepreneurs has recently been updated and improved. It provides key resources, targeted information, registration for online programs and networking opportunities to help women entrepreneurs and their businesses reach their maximum potential. The website is a collaboration between the Department of Labor and the Small Business Administration.