

Federal and National Resources

Federal Resources

- BusinessUSA (<http://business.usa.gov/>) - BusinessUSA is a centralized, one-stop platform to make it easier than ever for businesses to access services to help them grow and hire.
- Small Business Administration (SBA) (<https://www.sba.gov/>) - The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) was created in 1953 as 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 nation
- FedBizOpps (<https://www.fbo.gov/>) - The U.S. Government's one-stop virtual marketplace where vendors (normally registered to bid on certain contract types) can search for upcoming and current opportunities with the Federal government.
- Entrepreneurship at the Department of Commerce (<https://www.commerce.gov/tags/entrepreneurship/>) – find out more about starting and growing a business by searching the entrepreneurship articles at commerce.gov
- GSA (U.S. General Services Administration) Vendor Schedules (<http://www.gsa.gov/portal/category/100635/>) – GSA is the largest acquisition arm of the Federal government. Here is where you can register for industry specific work (called a schedule) and learn to respond to a solicitation.
- U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services E-Verify (<http://www.uscis.gov/e-verify/>) - E-Verify is an Internet-based system that allows businesses to determine the eligibility of their employees to work in the United States. E-Verify is fast, free and easy to use.
- Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (U.S. Department of Interior) (<https://www.doi.gov/pmb/osdbu/>) - Provides services for small businesses in the socio-economic classification of small disadvantaged, women-owned, and veteran-owned, service disabled veteran owned, small businesses located in historically underutilized business zones (HUBZone) areas, and the Ability One Program.
- NAICS Code (North American Industry Classification System) (<http://www.census.gov/eos/www/naics/>) - The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) is the standard used by Federal statistical agencies in classifying business establishments for the purpose of collecting, analyzing, and publishing statistical data related to the U.S. business economy.

National Resources

- Southern Rural Development Center Entrepreneurship (<http://srdc.msstate.edu/economic/entrepreneurship/>) - Focuses on pursuing a variety of activities to find the mix of strategies that can help rural communities seed future entrepreneurs, including building the skills of current and emerging entrepreneurs and enhancing community awareness and support for entrepreneurial activities.
- SCORE (Senior Corps of Retired Executives) (<https://www.score.org/>) - SCORE is a nonprofit association dedicated to helping small businesses get off the ground, grow and achieve their goals through education and mentorship. SCORE has been doing this for over fifty years. Because SCORE's work is supported by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), and thanks to their network of 11,000+ volunteers, they are able to deliver their services at no charge or at very low cost.