Discover The U.S. Governments Best Business Information Resources

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About Business.gov

Small Business Gateway to Your Government

Business.gov is the U.S. Government's official website for small businesses. Business.gov provides access to Federal, state, and local information that helps business owners successfully start and operate while staying compliant with laws and regulations.

In 2003, businesses and citizens spent approximately 8.2 billion hours and $320 billion filling out paperwork and complying with government regulations, according to a report by the Small Business Paperwork Relief Task Force. Small business owners spend considerable time navigating multiple websites to get information they need to comply with regulations and to find government assistance programs.

Business.gov saves small businesses time and money by providing access to Federal, state and local resources from a single website, making government more transparent and accessible. Small business owners no longer need to visit multiple websites to find government programs, forms, contacts, and guidance with laws and regulations.

Business.gov is the only website to provide small business resources from all levels of government. Through its unique, award-winning search tools and features, Business.gov makes it easier for small business owners to get the information they need to successfully start and operate their ventures.

Who Runs Business.gov?

Business.gov is managed as a partnership among 22 Federal government agencies. This partnership, known as Business Gateway, began as an e-government initiative in 2004 to help small businesses comply with government regulations, and discover government programs that help them start and manage their operations.

Awards and Recognition

Business.gov has received several awards for its service to the nation's small businesses, and has been widely recognized by industry groups for its unique services.

Features and Tools

Business.gov offers a set of unique tools, gadgets and resources that help small business owners:

- Discuss how to start and run a small business with the other business owners and experts

- Search for information from Federal, state and local government websites
- Find grant, loan and financial assistance programs
- Find required business licenses, permits and registrations
- Learn the legal steps to starting and operating a business
- Discover government programs that help small business expand their operations

Partnership Program

Business Gateway's Partners Program works with government agencies, trade associations, and industry to provide authoritative information that helps small business interact with the government. This program aims to create a dialogue among business owners and organizations serving them, making the government more transparent and data more accessible to the nation's small business community. Partners may use Business.gov as platform to

- Create social networks and online communities that help business owners interact with experts and each other
- Publish authoritative resources that help small business start, operate and expand their operations
- Disseminate public information and data to industry. Business.gov can help government agencies comply with the E-Government Act by making public data and information more accessible on the Internet

If your agency, organization or business serves small business, consider becoming a Business Gateway Partner by contributing your expertise or authoritative resource to help the nation's small businesses grow and succeed.

Business Gateway Program Information

- Program Management - Resources for partner agencies.
- Contributing Partners - List of regulatory and other contributing agencies.

Features, Tools and Gadgets

Business.gov offers a number of unique search tools and features that help small business owners, start, manage, and expand their operations while meeting all their legal and regulatory requirements.

Online Communities & Social Media

Business.gov is pioneering social media in the Federal government by offering the first Online Community sponsored by a government agency. The community allows small business owners and industry and government experts to discuss and share information that helps small businesses succeed. Visit the About the Community page to learn more on how the community helps the nation's small business.

Business Search Engine

Business.gov offers a unique business search engine that quickly and easily finds information from federal, state and local government web sites. You no longer need to visit multiple government websites to find information you need.

Gadgets

The Business.gov Tools for Small Business are interactive tools organized into a "gadget" that you can place on your website or iGoogle homepage, and get immediate access to essential online tools and resources to help you run your small business.

Loans and Grants Search Tool

From businesses in rural communities to hi-tech Silicon Valley start-ups, from women-owned enterprises to those affected by hurricanes, Business.gov provides a wealth of information on financial programs to help business get started or expand their operations. Small business owners no longer have to navigate multiple federal, state and local government websites to find financing programs that apply to them. Answer a short a survey about your business, and the Loans and Grants Search Tool will provide a list of programs for which you may qualify with links to eligibility and application information.

Permit Me : Finding Licenses and Permits

Our Permit Me tool allows you get a listing of federal, state and local business licenses and permits you'll need to operate your business.

State and Local Guides

Through its State and Local Guides, Business.gov provides access to over 9,000 official U.S. city government resources in addition to business information from all 50 states

and territories. These state guides include information on complying with state and local regulations, and programs for starting and managing a business.

Resource Guides

Business.gov provides easy access to resources and programs that help small business owners understand legal steps to starting and operating their businesses. In addition, these guides provide information on government programs that help small businesses expand their operations into federal and state government contract and exporting to overseas markets.

- Start & Manage a Business
- Register, Licenses & Permits
- Finance & Taxes
- Expand a Business / Business Opportunities
- Stay Compliant with Laws & Regulations
- Industry Guides
- State & Local Resources

Start a Business

Small businesses are the heart of the U.S. economy. Small businesses represent 99.% of all businesses, employing over 57.4 million people. Each year, hundreds of thousands of citizens begin the journey toward entrepreneurship.

The process of starting a business involves complying with a number laws and regulations - from obtaining a business license to paying taxes. Here you will find guidance to help you successfully and legally start and run your business:

- 10 Steps to Starting a Business
- Write a Business Plan
- Buy a Franchise

- Start a Green Business
- Find a Business Location
- Find Expert Assistance and Training

Resources for ...

- Home Based Businesses
- Self-Employment
- Independent Contractors
- Disabled People
- Minority Owned Businesses
- Non Profit Organizations
- Veteran Owned Businesses
- Women Owned Businesses

Register a Business

Every business needs to register with a government agency and obtain a license or permit to legally operate. Whether you run a new or existing business, these resources will help you determine your requirements.

- Steps to Registering a Business
  An overview of registering a business and obtaining licenses and permits.
- Business Name
  Learn about choosing a business name and registering an assumed name (or "doing business as" DBA)
- Incorporate a Business
  Get info on incorporating a business, such as an LLC, partnership and corporation.

- Licenses and Permits
  Learn how to obtain a business license or permit for your small business.

Small Business Financing, Managing, Insuring & Taxes

Financing Your Business

- Small Business Loans, Grants and Venture Capital
  Find loans, grants, and venture capital for new and expanding your small business.

Find Loans and Grants Fast!

- Search for Loans & Grants to find financing for your small business

Managing Your Finances

- Managing Business Finances
  Learn about obtaining lines of credit and accepting forms of payment from your customers.

Insuring Your Business

- Business Insurance
  Learn about the various types business insurance available to small business owners.
- Disaster and Emergency Preparedness
  Learn about disaster loans, insurance and other assistance programs.

Filing & Paying Taxes

- Small Business Taxes
  Get info on federal and state taxes and download forms.

Expand Your Business

Here you will find programs and resources to help your small business grow and succeed.

Market Your Business

- Marketing and Advertising
  Get resources to help you market and advertise your business.
- Business Data and Statistics
  Free access to demographic and economic statistics.

Explore Business Opportunities

- Government Contracting
  Sell your products and services to government agencies.
- Import / Export
  Get started in international trade.

Adopt Best Practices

- Green Business and Energy Efficiency
  Adopt environmentally-friendly business practices, and explore new "green" markets.
- Emergency Preparedness
  Protect your business from disasters and find recovery information.

How to Buy Government Surplus

- A Small Business Guide to Government Auctions and Sales
  Purchasing surplus goods from the government is an easy and affordable way to equip your new and expanding business. From computers to cars to gently used medical equipment, just about anything you can think of that your business might need is sold by the government at or below cost or fair market value.

Comply with Business Laws

Most aspects of running a business have some legal consequences. Here you will find resources to help you comply with the basic laws of conducting business.

Visit the State & Local guide to find how to comply with state laws and regulations; and Industry Stay Compliant to learn about complying with laws and regulations for your particularly kind of business.

- Advertising Law
- Employment & Labor Law
- Environmental Regulations
- Finance Law
- Licenses & Permits
- Patents, Trademarks, Copyright
- Online Business
- Privacy Laws
- Taxes
- Uniform Commercial Code (UCC)
- Workplace Safety & Health

Resources

- Forms
- Contact a Government Agency

Industry Guides

Here you will find resources to help small businesses in highly regulated industries comply with laws and government regulations.

Industries

- Aerospace & Defense
- Agriculture
- Automotive
- Chemicals
- Construction & Facilities
- Consumer Goods & Services
- Energy
- Financial Services
- Firearms & Explosives
- Food & Beverage
- Health Care
- Housing & Real Estate
- Industrial Goods & Services
- Mining & Drilling
- Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology
- Printing & Publishing
- Telecommunications & Media
- Transportation & Logistics

State and Local Resources

Browse the map then click on your state to find links to State regulations and local Government.

State and Territory Government Business Resource Websites

State Business Resources – Click your States link bellow to be taken to your States Business Portal.

If your State link below does not work, use the State home page links below these and click on the business link on the state home page.

- Alabama
- Alaska
- Arizona
- Arkansas
- California
- Colorado
- Connecticut
- Delaware
- Florida
- Georgia
- Hawaii
- Idaho
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Iowa
- Kansas
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Maine
- Maryland
- Massachusetts
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Mississippi
- Missouri
- Montana
- Nebraska
- Nevada
- New Hampshire
- New Jersey
- New Mexico
- New York
- North Dakota
- North Carolina
- Ohio
- Oklahoma
- Oregon
- Pennsylvania
- Rhode Island
- South Carolina
- South Dakota
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Utah
- Vermont
- Virginia
- Washington
- Washington, DC – U.S. Capital City
- West Virginia
- Wisconsin
- Wyoming

Territories and Possessions – Business Resources

- American Samoa
- Federated States of Micronesia
- Guam
- Midway Islands
- Puerto Rico

50 States And The District of Columbia Home Websites

Click on your State link below to be taken to your states home page, and then click on the business link on the home page to be taken to your states business portal.

- Alabama
- Alaska
- Arizona
- Arkansas
- California
- Colorado
- Connecticut
- Delaware
- District of Columbia
- Florida
- Georgia
- Hawaii
- Idaho
- Illinois
- Indiana
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Maine
- Maryland
- Massachusetts
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Mississippi
- Missouri
- Montana
- Nebraska
- Nevada
- New Hampshire
- New Jersey
- New Mexico
- North Dakota
- Ohio
- Oklahoma
- Oregon
- Pennsylvania
- Rhode Island
- South Carolina
- South Dakota
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Utah
- Vermont
- Virginia
- Washington
- West Virginia

- Iowa
- Kansas
- New York
- North Carolina
- Wisconsin
- Wyoming

U.S. Territories and Outlying Areas

- American Samoa
- Federated States of Micronesia
- Guam
- Midway Islands
- Puerto Rico
- U.S. Virgin Islands

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Official information and services from the U.S. government

Whatever you want or need from the U.S. government, it's here on USA.gov. You'll find a rich treasure of online information, services, and resources.

As the U.S. government's official web portal, USA.gov makes it easy for the public to get U.S. government information and services on the web. USA.gov also serves as the catalyst for a growing electronic government.

USA.gov's Business Portal

Buying from the Government - Sales of surplus property, sales by agency, loan portfolios and investments, postal products, Treasury bills, notes...

Sell to the Government.-.Government contracting, FedBizOpps, procurement opportunities, Central Contractor Registration...

Launch a Business - Business plans, mentorship, buying a franchise, buying a business, choosing a structure, naming your business...

Managing and Growing a Business - Making business decisions, managing employees, understanding fair practice, choosing insurance plans...

State Programs - Local information, laws, financial assistance, contact information...

Data and Statistics - Economic, demographic, industry, and regional statistics...

Financial Assistance - Business start-up assistance, business loans, equity capital, special-purpose loans...

International Trade - International trade analysis, market compliance, import administration, trade promotion, fair trade...

Exporting - Export basics, foreign currency rates, tariffs and taxes...

Laws and Regulations - Legal dictionary, lawyer locators, alternative dispute resolution, federal and state laws...

Business Taxes - Tax guides, state taxes, information by business structure, industries and professions, tax fraud...

Federal Trade Commission - Many publications on fraud and scams to watch out for and legal conduct under the topic of business.

Federal Citizen Information Center - Small business information, publications, and resource links available from the FCIC. Many publications, books and government web resources available for small business.

Small Business Administration - Small business information, publications, and resource links available from the SBA.

- http://www.smallbusiness3.com/ - Magazine for your specific zip code area for local government business services.

(IRS) Internal Revenue Service - Small business and tax information.

Starting a Business

- Is it a Business or a Hobby?
- Selecting a Business Structure
- Employer Identification Number (EIN)
- Business Taxes
- Recordkeeping
- When Do I Start My Tax Year?
- Selecting an Accounting Method
- Checklist for Starting a Business
- Establishing a Retirement Plan
- Small Business Publications