

The Small Business Development Center (SBDC)

The SBDC at The Urban League of Greater Cleveland is a joint venture of the SBA and the Ohio Department of Development. The SBDC provides free counseling and seminars for small businesses and start-up companies.

Phone:
(216) 812-3161

Web:
www.ulcleveland.org/sbdc/sbdc.html

SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives)

With offices in Cleveland and Akron, SCORE provides free one-on-one business counseling and coaching for small businesses and start-up companies. Most counselors are retired business executives and managers.

Phone:
(216) 522-4194

Web:
www.score.org

Business Advisers of Cleveland

Business Advisers of Cleveland is a non-profit composed of retired executives and entrepreneurs from the Greater Cleveland companies. The group offers free counseling and coaching to small businesses and start-up companies.

Phone:
(216) 426-2052

Web:
www.busadvcle.org

Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Ohio

The Hispanic Business Association (HBA) offers a powerful resource and a recipe for success. The HBA can assist you with Business Start-Up Aid, Consulting Services, Contract Services, and Legal Referrals.

Phone:
(216) 281-4422

Web:
www.hbahcco.org

Alex Community Development Center (Alex CDC)

Alex CDC operates the Small Business Administration Women's Business Center (WBC) for Cuyahoga County. The WBC offers training, counseling, and technical assistance services to women business owners, women who want to start a business, and others who are in need of these services.

Phone:
(216) 707-0777

Web:
www.alexcdc.com

Greater Cleveland Veterans Business Resource Council

The mission of the Greater Cleveland Veterans Business Resource Council (GCVBRC) is to help Veterans achieve self-employment status. The GCVBRC accomplishes its mission through education training, business planning, mentoring, referrals and other related services.

Phone:
(216) 361-4506

Web:
www.gcvbrc.org

Baldwin-Wallace Business Plan Clinic

Part of the Entrepreneurship Center at Baldwin-Wallace college, this community outreach program is for small business owners and new business entrepreneurs. The clinic's primary service is coaching clients while helping them develop their business plan for a fee. The clinic also offers in-depth reviews of existing business plans.

Phone:
(440) 826-2083

Web:
www.bw.edu/academics/bus/bpc

ShoreBank - Cleveland

ShoreBank has invested more than \$3 million in higher risk loans for locally owned and operated businesses of all types and sizes, helping dozens of businesses turn realistic business plans into profits that can be reinvested in the city.

Phone:
(216) 268-6100
(800) 905-7725

Web:
www.sbk.com

Internet Resources for the Entrepreneur

www.sba.gov – The U.S. **Small Business Administration** (SBA) provides extensive information on starting, financing, and expanding your small business.

www.sba.gov/training - The Small Business Training Network of the SBA offers free online training courses, workshops, and resources for entrepreneurs.

www.nase.org - The **National Association for the Self-Employed** (NASE) is the nation's leading resource for the self-employed and micro-businesses providing a broad range of benefits and support to help the smallest businesses succeed.

<http://development.ohio.gov/Entrepreneurship> - **The 1st Stop Business Connection**, a program sponsored by the Ohio Department of Development's Small Business Development Centers and the U.S. Small Business Administration, provides FREE state-level information needed to get started or continue on your entrepreneurial journey.

www.sos.oh.us – The **Ohio Secretary of State** website offers filing information and forms on how to legally organize your business.

<http://tax.ohio.gov> – The **Ohio Department of Taxation** provides tax information, tax filing options, and tax forms for businesses operating in the state of Ohio.

www.irs.gov/businesses/small/index.html - The **Internal Revenue Service** (IRS) provides extensive information on not only U.S. tax issues and tax forms for businesses, but also all aspects of starting, operating, and growing a small business.

www.business.gov – Business.gov, the official business link to the U.S. Government, is managed by the U.S. Small Business Administration in a partnership with 21 other federal agencies. Business.gov also provides Small Business Guides and State and Local Guides to assist entrepreneurs with a wealth of comprehensive resources.

www.bbbtips.org – The **Better Business Bureau** provides information about ethical business conduct, standards for advertising and how to protect against fraud.

www.uschamber.com – **The U.S. Chamber of Commerce** offers a comprehensive Small Business Center with a wealth of information on starting or growing a small business.

www.nfwbo.org – The **Center for Women's Business Research** is the go-to source on trends, characteristics, achievements, and challenges of women business owners and their enterprises.

www.neo411.biz – Comprehensive information source for starting or growing a business in Northeast Ohio. Neo411.biz offers a central website where entrepreneurs can go to find resources and assistance for their businesses.

www.entrepreneur.com – Comprehensive resources and how-to information on all aspects of starting, operating and growing a small business, plus an excellent database of helpful articles.

www.bplans.com – Offers a comprehensive site providing information on structuring a business plan, as well as free sample business plans for most industries.

www.nolo.com – Small Business legal information for starting a business, choosing a business structure, writing a business plan and more.

www.allbusiness.com – Comprehensive resources and how-to information on all aspects of starting, operating and growing a small business, plus an excellent database of helpful articles.

www.inc.com – Inc.com offers numerous resources and how-to information on all aspects of starting, operating, and growing a small business. The website also offers a good collection of sample forms, worksheets, and business plans.

www.morebusiness.com – More Business is a wide-ranging site with information on business and marketing plans as well as “how to” articles.

www.smartbiz.com – Provides news, resources and advice on many aspects of operating a small business, with an emphasis on practical steps to boost the bottom line. Specific sections cover finance, marketing, and human resources, and there are also numerous forms and tools available.

www.smallbusiness.com – This site connects to relevant advice and experiences of other small businesses to help entrepreneurs make better decisions every day. The topics are timely and often well presented. This site is not certified in any way, so keep that in mind when you’re absorbing its content, especially if it involves legal or tax issues.

www.annualcreditreport.com – The official site, where, once a year, a free credit report is available from each of the 3 major credit agencies; TransUnion, Equifax, and Experian.