

SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCES

The following sites are meant to serve as a starting point in your research. The EDC is not endorsing any of these sites and encourages you to seek out other sites that make be useful.

[Missouri Small Business Development Center](http://www.missouribusiness.net/sbtcd) – *www.missouribusiness.net/sbtcd*

Business development consultation services including business plan assistance

[Missouri Business Resource Center](http://www.missouribusiness.net) – *www.missouribusiness.net*

Provides business success training and information to start-up and existing businesses

[University of Missouri Extension Center](http://www.extension.missouri.edu) – *www.extension.missouri.edu*

Offers a staff of business specialists for the county, who works one-on-one with prospective business owners to set up business plans

[Service Corps of Retired Executives \(SCORE\)](http://www.stlscore.org) – *www.stlscore.org*

Business development consultation services including business plan assistance

[Missouri Procurement Technical Assistance Center](http://www.missouribusiness.net/ptac) – *www.missouribusiness.net/ptac*

Assists Missouri businesses in obtaining and performing government contracts

[Missouri Secretary of State](http://www.sos.mo.gov/business/corporations/startBusiness) – *www.sos.mo.gov/business/corporations/startBusiness*

Provides several resources for starting a business in Missouri

[Missouri Department of Economic Development](http://www.ded.mo.gov) – *www.ded.mo.gov*

Business assistance to minority, international, finance programs and office of productivity

[US Small Business Administration \(SBA\)](http://www.sba.gov/localresources/district/mo/st-louis) – *www.sba.gov/localresources/district/mo/st-louis*

Offers several kinds of U.S. Small Business Administration loans

[World Trade Center of St. Louis](http://www.worldtradecenter-stl.com) – *www.worldtradecenter-stl.com*

Supports organizations' efforts to capitalize on globalization through customized research, accessible resources and business training

[Lindenwood University](http://www.lindenwood.edu) – *www.lindenwood.edu*

Undergraduate and graduate courses, including courses specific to small business management and entrepreneurship

[St. Charles Community College](http://www.stchas.edu) – *www.stchas.edu*

The Continuing Education Department sponsors the Business and Industry Institute. Seminars and courses are offered frequently to address needs from business management to understanding computer software systems

[St. Charles City-County Library District](http://www.youranswerplace.org) – *www.youranswerplace.org*

Your answer place for business and public management information, offering a site that includes descriptions of library resources and links to valuable internet sites

[National Association of Women Business Owners \(NAWBO\)](http://www.nawbostl.org) – *www.nawbostl.org*

Offers various educational programs geared for start-ups, growth and business development

[Missouri Minority Business Advocacy Commission \(MMBAC\)](http://boards.mo.gov/userpages/Board.aspx?75) –

http://boards.mo.gov/userpages/Board.aspx?75

Increases economic opportunities for minority businesses

[St. Louis Minority Business Council \(SLMBC\)](http://www.slmbc.org) – *www.slmbc.org*

Provides purchasing opportunities for minority-owned and operated businesses