

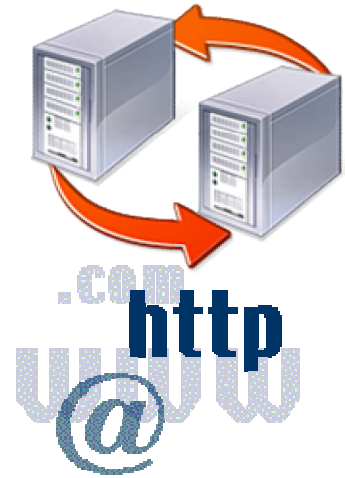
INTERNET RESOURCES

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The internet is one of the new entrepreneur's key resources. You can find almost anything IF you enter the proper search terms and know what you are looking for. There are

thousands of sites.

The selected list below is of those that our counseling experience suggests are the basic ones to use as a starting point. These are not geographically restricted like our Twin Cities Resources document on related sites.



Free collaboratively edited encyclopedia for business terms, topic background and links

<http://en.wikipedia.org>

SCORE, Counselors to America's Small Business

www.score.org

Online email counseling, training webinars, How To's, etc.

Legal Issues –

General contracts and wide range of legal topics

www.nolo.com

One-stop incorporation service

www.incorporate.com

Federal Sites –

Census data general

www.census.gov

Find specific census data

<http://factfinder.census.gov>

Patents and trademarks

www.uspto.gov

Postal service, see small business tools

www.usps.gov

Small Business Administration

www.sba.gov

BIZ link to US Govt. & 21 agencies

www.business.gov

NAICS Industry Code Lookup

<http://www.naics.com/search.htm>

Taxes –

Federal tax forms, instructions, EIN numbers

www.irs.gov

Personal tax software – Turbo Tax

www.intuit.com

Business Options versus a Start-up –

Buy an existing business

www.businessbroker.net

Buy a franchise business

www.franchise.com

A leading franchise consultant – no fees

www.frannet.com

International franchise association

<http://www.franchise.org>

Business Tools –

- Loan rates, insurance, amortization & calculators <http://bankrate.com>
- Sample business plans <http://www.bplans.com>
- Ratios by industry for your business <http://www.bizstats.com>

Technology sites we like –

- Computer and software research, reviews www.zdnet.com
- Basic computing, guides & How To www.pcmag.com
- Free software for non-profits www.techsoup.org

Business Webinar Training (free on registration) -

- SCORE National courses <http://www.score.org/events/workshops>
- SBA Courses <http://sba.gov/services/training/onlinecourses/index.html>
- ReadyTalk archives <http://www.readytalk.com/web-seminar-series/archived.php>
- AllBusiness Videos <http://www.allbusiness.com/2984963-1.html>
- ReadyTalk for conference calling and webinars www.readytalk.com
- SCORE Minnesota Learning Center www.score-mn.org/pw-webinars/

Market Research and Marketing –

- eMarketer provider of internet statistics & reports <http://www.emarketer.com>

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