

TWIN CITIES' RESOURCES

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Every community has various resources to assist individuals become small Business Entrepreneurs. The list below includes some of the key resources that may help you when you ask "Who Can Help Me?"

Check your community for similar resources that could help you be more successful.



SCORE – Counselors to America’s Small Business

Minneapolis Chapter 2- 952-938-4570
8700 W. 36th Street
St. Louis Park, MN 55426

<http://minneapolis.score.org>
minneapolis@score-mn.org

Offers free counseling, for fee workshops, business planning facilities, etc.
Use website tab ‘Mentoring’ to Request F2F Counseling or email mentoring.

Minnesota District of SCORE - 612-370-2324

<http://score-mn.org/main.htm>

210-C Butler Square, 100 No 6th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55403-1525

Website offers list of online on-demand webinars, contacts at all six chapters and their branches and other small business help tools.

MRA - Where HR Means Business 800-488-4845

www.mranet.org

This Cooperative venture assists business with Human Resource issues. Group health, salary surveys, training, etc.

Women Venture 651-646-3808

www.womenventure.org

Provides help to women starting a business by consulting and seminars. Center is an intermediary for SBA Microloan programs.

Minnesota State Resources

www.state.mn.us

Minnesota Secretary of State 651-296-2803

www.sos.state.mn.us

Register names, file LLC documents, etc.

Minnesota Taxes Personal 651-296-3781

www.revenue.state.mn.us

Business 651-556-3000

Sales tax 651-296-6181

Forms, tax instructions, etc.

Department of Employment and Economic

www.mn.gov/deed

Development Work Force Centers, trends, labor market inform, etc.

DEED 651-296-3871

www.mn.gov/deed/business/help/sbao

Get a Free copy of “Starting a Business in Minnesota”

Market Research

- Hennepin County Library 952-847-5669 www.hclib.org
Ask a librarian? Access databases at library or from home with a library card. "Reference USA" database of residential and business data is searchable by various criteria, including NAICS code
- Hill Business Library, St. Paul 651-265-5446 www.jjhill.org
Concentrates on business topic only. Open access or subscription services.
- Metropolitan Council 651-602-1000 www.metrocouncil.org
Organization for five County metropolitan Twin Cities area. Provides survey, regional planning, transit, population demographics, economic indicators, census data, etc.

Social Networking Groups

- Local Chambers of Commerce
- American Institute of Small Business 952-545-7001 www.aisb.biz
- LinkedIn - for professionals you invite <http://www.linkedin.com/>
- MN Small Business
http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=3028093&trk=hb_side_g
- Facebook – personal relationships <http://www.facebook.com/SCOREMinnesota>
- Google Communities <https://plus.google.com/communities>
Special interest community discussions
- Twitter – SCORE-MN <http://twitter.com/scoreminnesota>
- MeetUp – special interest groups <http://www.meetup.com>
- PartnerUp – jobs, interests, vendors' exchg. <http://www.partnerup.com>
- Plus, various other industry trade associations and special interest groups.

Find an accountant

- Quickbooks Pro Advisor accounting services locator
http://quickbooks.intuit.com/product/training/local_expert.jsp
- Use a PA – Public Accountant
- Fiscal Foundations 612-387-8619 www.fiscalfoundations.com
Quickbooks setup, training and bookkeeping services
- References - Ask friends in a comparable business for recommendations.
Professional ethics allow an accountant to serve similar businesses and you may find one who specializes in your niche market.

Small Business Administration 612-370-2324

- <http://www.sba.gov/mn>
Use site to research Grants and SBIC's (Small Business Investment Companies)
The SBA does not make loans but guarantees them through a lending institution.
Ask for "Minnesota Small Business Resource Guide" or get at a SCORE office.

Website Developers

Professional design, SEO, branding and other website functions-

Veritas Marketing	952-738-8177	www.veritasmarketing.com
Deluxe Corporation	855-533-5893	www.deluxe.com
Angie Hughes	952-484-7891	www.angiescreative.com
Locator Index	no phone	http://www.topdesignfirms.com

Do-It-Yourself with Templates

Homestead	800-710-1998	http://www.homestead.com
GoDaddy	877-505-8877	www.godaddy.com
1and1	877-461-2631	www.1and1.com

These sites provide templates, may charge a setup fee and then charge to host your site. Templates include shopping carts and PayPal links. Check out many others on the Internet to find the appropriate price, features, etc. you need.

Social Media Marketing and Advisors

Veritas Marketing and Deluxe Corporation – above under website developers

Angie Hughes	952-484-7891	www.angiescreative.com
JMV Consulting	952-938-4275	www.jmvconsulting.com

Legal Services

LegalCORPS	http://legalc.orps.org
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Hope this has been helpful. If you find other Minnesota resources that have been unusually helpful to you, please advise me at: virg7250@gmail.com

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