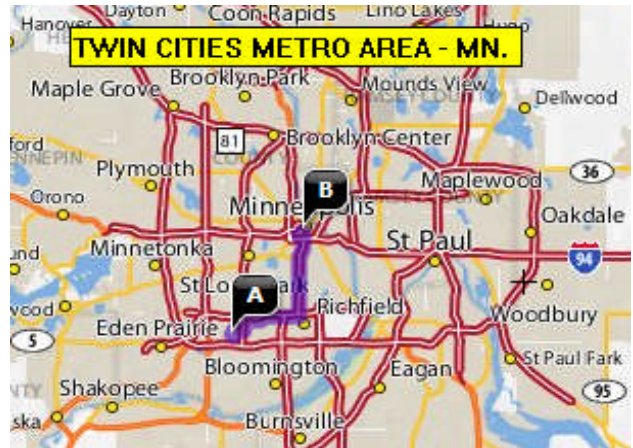


TWIN CITIES' RESOURCES

Every community has various resources to assist individuals become small Business Entrepreneurs. The list below includes some of the key resources in the Minneapolis – St. Paul, MN. Area.

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 <http://minneapolis.score.org>

Bremer Bank Bldg, Room 103

8800 Highway 7, St. Louis Park, MN 55426

Offers free counseling, for fee workshops, business planning facilities, etc.

Use website to Request Counseling or sign up for workshops.

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 statewide list of workshops, contacts at all seven chapters and their branches and other small business help tools.

Employers Association, Inc. 763-253-9139 www.employersinc.com

Cooperative venture assisting 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 (insert a state for mn) www.state.mn.us

Minnesota Secretary of State 651-296-2803 www.sos.state.mn.us

Register names, file LLC documents, etc

Minnesota Taxes Income 651-296-3781 www.taxes.state.mn.us

Sales tax 651-296-6181

Forms, tax instructions, etc.

Small Business Assistance 651-296-3871 www.mnsbao.com

Get Free copy of “Starting a Business in Minnesota”

DEED – Dept. of Employment and Economic Development

651-259-7114 <http://www.deed.state.mn.us>

Business trends, labor market info, locate a building, small business assistance, Work Force Centers, publications (Intellectual Property, Employment Statistics, Employee Benefits ...), etc.

Market Research

- Hennepin County Library 952-847-5669 www.hclib.org
Ask a librarian? (phone number listed here). Access databases at library or from home with library card. "Reference USA" database of residential and business data is searchable by various criteria, including NAIAC code
- Hill Business Library, St. Paul 651-265-5446 www.jhill.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

- Twin West Chamber 763-450-2220 www.twinwest.com
Has 1000 members. Like all Chambers of Commerce, this is a good place to make social and business connections.
- American Institute of Small Business 952-545-7001 www.aisb.biz
- LinkedIn – other professionals you invite <http://www.linkedin.com/>
- MeetUp – special interest groups <http://www.meetup.com>
- PartnerUp – jobs, interests, vendors exchg <http://www.partnerup.com>

Various industry trade associations and special interest groups.

Find an accountant

- Minnesota CPA Society 952-831-2707 <http://www.mncpa.org/information>
Find a CPA or PA by miles from a zip, accounting specialty, industry or size of firm. Profiles of selection allow you to select & compare.
- Quickbooks Pro Advisor accounting services locator
http://quickbooks.intuit.com/product/training/local_expert.jsp
- Many small businesses will 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-

Angie Huges	952-484-7891	web, graphics, branding www.angiescreative.com
Small Business Maverick	952-473-1007	website and social media http://www.smallbusinessmaverick.com/index.htm
Spyder Trap Marketing	612-871-2270	www.spydertrap.com
Eye 4 Image	952-974-9676	www.eye4image.com
Press Enter	651-436-2081	www.presenter.com
Locator Index	no phone	http://www.topdesignfirms.com
Free Lance Individuals-		
Stephen Kuhlmeiy	952-937-9334	www.kuhlmeysystems.com
Kurt Trout		http://troutreach.com
Do-It-Yourself with Templates		
Yahoo Web Hosting		http://smallbusiness.yahoo.com
Google Web Hosting	480-505-8877	www.googlewebhosting.com
Homestead by Intuit	800-710-1998	http://www.homestead.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

Reciprocate	651-340-6313	www.reciprocateLLC.com
Tai Goodwin	No phone	www.taigoodwin.com
SMC Pros	612-217-0659	http://smcpros.com

Hope this has been helpful. If you find other Minnesota resources that have been unusually helpful to you, please advise me at: virgedina@yahoo.com

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