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Search Engines.... that get the job done !

- google.com
- alltheweb.com
- AltaVista.com
- HotBot.com
- InfoSeek.go.com
- Yahoo.com
- Dogpile.com
- Lycos.com
- Search.msn.com

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Websites of interest to many small Businesses:

| Site | URL/Address | Content |
|-----------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| eMarketer | http://www.emarketer.com | Statistics & reports |
| EntreWorld | http://www.entreworld.org | 1,000 plus small bus resources |
| Inc Online | http://www.inc.com | Tools for Small Business owners |
| Intn'l Trade Administration | http://www.ita.doc.gov | Export related information |
| IRS | http://www.irs.gov | Forms & tax information |
| National retail Federation | http://www.nrf.com | Largest retail association |
| SCORE | http://www.score.org | Free, small business counseling |
| U.S. Census Bureau | http://www.census.gov | Demographics, maps & counts |
| U.S. Federal Government | http://www.business.gov | 100,000 plus databases |
| U.S. Patent /Trademark | http://www.uspto.gov | Search, print & find |

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| Offices | | |
| U.S. Small Business Admin | http://www.sba.gov | Everything for small business |
| Visa Small Business | http://www.visabusiness.com | Credit card & business info |
| Wall St Journal Interactive | http://www.wsj.com | WSJ online |
| Working Solo | http://www.workingsolo.com | For & about home based bus's |
| E-mail address directory | http://www.bigfoot.com | Search e-mail addresses |
| Marketing data service | http://www.zapdata.com | Profiles, reports, profiles |
| Trade show information | http://www.tsmn.com | Where, when & what |
| Commerce Business Daily | http://cbd.cos.com/ | Government contracting |
| Consumer Information center | http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov | Publications |
| Minority Business Development | http://www.mbda.gov | Government agency |
| Women Business Owners | http://www.nfwbo.org | National Foundation |
| SmallbizNet | http://www.lowe.org | Document database |
| Social Security Administration | http://www.ssa.gov | Everything about Soc Security |
| Thomas Register | http://www.thomasregister.com/ | Directory of U.S. manufacturers |
| Womens Business Center | http://www.onlinewbc.gov | Women & Business |
| U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce | http://www.usbcc.com | National information |
| The Company Corporation | http://www.incorporate.com | sba Business incorporation |
| CalGold | http://www.calgold.ca.gov | Permit, license & registration requirements made easy |
| California Trade & Commerce | http://www.commerce.ca.gov | Doing business in California |
| Women Business Owners | http://www.nawbo.org | Resource for women entrepreneurs |
| The Federal marketplace | http://www.fedmarket.com | About doing business with gov't |
| Franchise information | http://www.betheboss.com | Information & opportunities |
| Business Guide to the Web | http://www.bizweb.com | Online supplier network |
| Federal Statistics | http://www.fedstats.gov | Statistical information |
| FirstGov | http://www.firstgov.gov | Gateway to ALL gov sites |
| Government Contracting Resource Center | http://www.govcon.com | Current business opportunities and contractor profiles |
| Marketplace Resource Center | http://www.imarketinc.com | Analysis of industries |
| Media Finder | http://www.mediafinder.com | Ad & list rates for print media |

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| National Association for the Self-Employed | http://www.nase.org | Small business issues |
| Small Business 2000 | http://www.sb2000.com | Small business advice |
| Directory Guide | http://www.directoryguide.com | 400 search engines, etc |
| National Federation of Independent Business | http://www.nfib.org | Educational information for small business owners |
| U.S. Chamber of Commerce Small Business Center | http://www.uschamber.com/sb | The U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Small Business Center is a one-stop shop for small businesses containing everything from practical business advice to the latest small business news from Washington, D.C. |
| WorkZ.com | http://www.workz.com | Create & maintain a website |
| Direct Marketing Association | http://www.the-dma.org | Largest association |
| Global marketplace | http://www.elance.com | Professional leads to services |
| Market for your talents | http://www.sologig.com | Sell your services |
| WomanOwned.COM | http://www.womanowned.com | Woman owned businesses |
| NOLO Law for all | http://www.nolo.com | Law in plain-English |
| U.S. Business Advisor | http://www.business.gov/busadv | Helping you in business |

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Alphabetical resource list by subject for entrepreneurs

A:

Advertising:

-Media Finder www.mediafinder.com Ad & list rates for print media

Associations:

Trade associations around the world: <http://www.marketingsource.com/associations> Searchable option of trade associations around the world.

AT & T Toll Free:

The easy way to find toll free numbers: <http://www.tollfree.att.net/tf.html>

B:

Balance Sheet:

-Describes how to prepare a balance sheet for a business:

<http://www.sba.gov/starting/indexbusplans.html> Part of the Small Business administration business plan outline.

Business Advice:

-Helping you in business www.business.gov/busadv U.S. Business Advisor

Business Education:

-National Federation of Independent Business: <http://www.nfib.org> Educational information for small business owners.

-SCORE Learning Center http://www.score.org/learning_center.html

-Small Business Center for Education: <http://sba.gov/training>

Business Evaluation Tool:

-Free tool for evaluating your business and get help online for buying or selling a small business:

<http://www.usbx.com/resource/valuation.asp> Check out this site. Must register with the site to obtain this and other free tools.

Business Issues & Advice:

-National Association for the Self-Employed www.nase.org Small business issues

- Small Business 2000 www.sb2000.com Small business advice

-Online tools for small businesses: <http://www.inc.com/tools/> Checklists, sample documents, and many other items to assist a small business.

Business Plan:

-This is an easy to follow, step-by-step approach for this complex subject:

<http://www.sba.gov/starting/indexbusplans.html> Prepared by the Small Business Administration. . It offers a a self paced activity that can be downloaded or viewed online.

Business Plan Samples:

-Samples of completed business plans for various types of businesses.

<http://www.bplans.com/samples/index.cfm?affiliates=bplans>

Business Plan Software:

-Free shareware and software for writing a business plan with template and tools for business planning, financial projections and strategy development: <http://www.planware.org/freeware.htm>

Business Publications:

-Search online for articles from current business publications: <http://www.bpubs.com>

Home Based Businesses:

Working Solo www.workingsolo.com For & about home based businesses

C:

California Business Information:

-Doing business in California: <http://www.commerce.ca.gov/business> California Trade & Commerce

- Permit, license & registration requirements made easy: <http://www.calgold.ca.gov> CalGold

Cash Flow:

-Generating a business cash flow projection: <http://www.sba.gov/starting/indexbusplans.html>

Part of the Small Business Administration business plan outline.

Census:

-U.S. Census Bureau Demographics, maps & counts: <http://www.census.gov>

Chamber of Commerce:

-U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce: <http://www.usbcc.com> National information

-U.S. Chamber of Commerce: www.chamberbiz.com 300 state & local sites

Computer Help:

-Learn how to save money on your small business computer support costs at smallbiztechtalk.com:

<http://www.smallbiztechtalk.com>

Contracting:

- Commerce Business Daily <http://www.ld.com/otherbid.html> Contracting Offices: City/State & local by state.

-Commerce Business Daily <http://www.ld.com> Information & links for government bidding.

-Government Contracting Resource Center www.govcon.com Current business opportunities and contractor profiles

Copyright:

-How-to Information from the U.S.Copyright Office: <http://lcweb.loc.gov/copyright>

Credit Cards:

- Visa Small Business www.visabusiness.com Credit card & business info

D:

Databases:

-U.S. Federal Government ~100,000 plus databases: [http:// www.business.gov](http://www.business.gov)

Demographics for State & County:

-Census Bureau:

<http://www.census.gov/main/www/subjects.html>

Demographics from Census Bureau:

-Census Bureau:

<http://venus.census.gov/>

Dictionary:

-Small Business Dictionary: Provides definitions as a ready reference to 2,500 of the most commonly used small business terms.

<http://www.small-business-dictionary.org>

Documents:

-Document database: <http://www.love.org> SmallbizNet

Domain Naming:

-Several sites for obtaining domain name availability. Also provide real time registration for a domain name.

<http://www-internic.net>

Very easy to use.

<http://www.verisign.net> Verisign web site.

-Another resource for registering your domain name and getting help setting up your business's web site:

<http://www.namesdotcom.com/>

E :

E-Mail Addresses::

-E-mail address directory <http://www.bigfoot.com> Search for e-mail addresses

E-Merging Businesses:

-Find email addresses by using a search engine provided by Big Yellow

<http://wp.bigyellow.com/info.bela/email1.htm>

-E-Merging Business magazine: <http://www.ebmagz.com> Features rich content about all facets of entrepreneurship. Look for the e-b guides throughout the magazine, which highlight useful hotlinks for small business people.

Exporting/Importing:

-Exporting: The Small Business Administration, Dep't of Commerce and Ex-Im work cooperatively to assist American small business exporters.

<http://www.sba.gov/oit>

<http://www.buyusa.com>

<http://www.exim.gov>

-Intn'l Trade Administration <http://www.ita.doc.gov> Export related information

F:

Federal: (see also Government section)

-The Federal marketplace: <http://www.fedmarket.com> About doing business with gov't

Federal Regulations:

-Search capability for finding information on federal regulations by topic:

<http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara/cfr/index.html>

Suggest you first read "helpful hints."

Franchise Resources:

-Search 4000 plus franchise listings, 5000 plus financing sources, and industry headlines:

<http://www.franchiseworks.com>

Use this site to search for opportunities and information.

Franchising Information:

These sites provide information and resources on franchise opportunities: <http://www.startupjournal.com>

<http://4prg.com>

<http://www.ifranchise.net>

<http://www.franchiseworks.com>

<http://betheboss.com>

G:

Government: (See also: Federal)

-Doing business with government: <http://www.fedmarket.com> - Gateway to all Government sites.

H:

Home Based Businesses: (See Also "Business")

Working Solo <http://www.workingsolo.com> For & about home based businesses

I:

Import/Export:

-**State and City listing of Ex-Im Bank partners.** <http://exim.gov/index.htm> Provides the names of people to contact for help in exporting/importing products and services

Income Projection Statement:

-Prepare an income statement for a business: <http://www.sba.gov/starting/indexbusplans.html>

Part of the Small Business Administration business plan outline.

Incorporation:

-Business Incorporation: <http://www.incorporate.com/scorelearn> Learn about incorporation and limited liability companies (LLCs) from The Company Corporation®. This specific section of the site provides clear and useful information about the advantages of corporations and LLCs as business structures.

Internet Learning Tutor:

Improve Internet skills: <http://www.superpages.com/ilt> A free online interactive training series for web users who want to improve their Internet skills.

IRS:

-Forms & tax information <http://www.irs.gov>

L:

Leadership:

-Entrepreneurial Leadership:

<http://www.entreworld.org>

Entreworld.org, run by the Kauffman Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership, provides resources and supports initiatives to improve the environment within which entrepreneurs operate.

Legal Documents Online:

Generate many legal documents online: <http://legaldocs.com/> This site offers the ability to generate many legal documents online. Many are free and others vary in cost from \$2.50 to \$27.75. Samples are provided for review.

Legal Information Online:

-Small Business Law Center: http://www.nolo.com/category/sb_home.html Visit the Small Business

Law Center and a lot more on this web site.

Library of Solutions:

-A library of solutions to problems, projects, and tasks for small business: <http://www.how-to.com> The How-To Company is creating a library of solutions to problems, projects, and tasks for small business. In addition to these step-by-step solutions, the company is creating related educational content to enrich your learning experience.

M:

Marketing:

- Direct Marketing Association <http://www.the-dma.org> Leading marketing association
- Marketing data service: <http://www.zapdata.com> Profiles & reports
- Marketplace Resource Center <http://www.imarketinc.com> Analysis of industries

Marketing Services:

- Global marketplace <http://www.elance.com> Professional leads to services.
- Sell Your Services: <http://www.sologig.com> Market your talents.

Marketplace for Industrial Buying:

- ThomasRegional.com <http://www.thomasregional.com/newtrd/index.html> Search for access to products and services from industrial distributors and manufacturers.

Minority Owned Businesses:

- Minority Business Development: www.mbda.gov Government agency

N:

NAICS:

- This Census Bureau site shows the comparison classification numbers.

<http://www.census.gov/epcd/www/naicstab.htm>

The North American Industrial Classification System of 1997 now replaces the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) of 1987.

P:

Patents:

- The comprehensive discussion prepared by the U.S. Patent and Trademark office."

<http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/doc/general/>

Patent Search:

- US Patent & Trademark Office: <http://www.uspto.gov>

Patent General:

- U.S. Patent /Trademark Offices Search, print & find patent information: www.uspto.gov

Postal Rates Domestic:

- Calculate postal rates for domestic mailings:<http://postcalc.usps.gov/>

Postal Rates International:

- Calculate postal rates for international mailings:<http://ircalc.usps.gov/>

Publications:

- Publications: <http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov> Consumer Information center
- Media Finder <http://www.mediafinder.com> Ad & list rates for print media

R:

Recruiting:

- Get help finding employees or listing job openings using <http://www.careerbuilder.com>

Resources:

- 1,000 plus small bus resources www.entreworld.org EntreWorld

Retail:

- National retail Federation www.nrf.com Largest retail association

S:

SCORE:

-Free, small business counseling: www.score.org

Search Engines: (see also "Web")

-Directory Guide: www.directoryguide.com 400 search engines, etc

Services: (see also Marketing)

-Global marketplace <http://www.elance.com> Professional leads to services.

-Sell Your Services: <http://www.sologig.com> Market your talents.

Small Business:

- U.S. Small Business Admin. <http://www.sba.gov> Everything for small business.

Small Business Terms:

-Glossary to familiarize yourself with business and industry terms. <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/business/specials/glossary/index.html>

Visit The Washington Post .com Business Organized alphabetically.

Social Security:

-Social Security Administration <http://www.ssa.gov> Everything about Soc Security

Starting a Business:

-Check out the online guide to starting a business, from developing the business plan, to choosing the insurance company. <http://www.thinkinglike.com/> Thinking like an Entrepreneur is a site authored by a small business professional writer.

Statistics & reports:

-eMarketer <http://www.emarketer.com>

-Federal Statistics <http://www.fedstats.gov> Statistical information

SuperPages.com:

-Find products and services: <http://www.superpages.com> Superpages.com allows small and medium sized businesses to find the products and services they need online.

Suppliers:

- Business Guide to the Web <http://www.bizweb.com> Online supplier network

T:

Tax Forms & Publications:

-Select and download any IRS form or publication:

http://www.irs.ustreas.gov/prod/forms_pubs/index.html

Tax Help for Small Businesses:

-Get specific assistance and information directly from the IRS

http://www.irs.ustreas.gov/prod/bus_info/index.html

Tax Preparation Software:

Online software product for preparing business and personal tax returns—without having to install software: <http://www.preptax.com>

Thomas Register of Manufacturers:

-Use the search feature to access the database to locate suppliers or customers:

<http://www.thomasregister.com/Home.aspx?sid=&uuid=TRGuest>

Requires a free pre-registration.

Tools for Small Business owners:

-Online tools for small businesses: <http://www.inc.com/tools/> Checklists, sample documents, and many other items to assist a small business.

Trademark:

-Comprehensive process prepared by the U.S. Patent and Trademark office:

<http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/tac/doc/basic/>

Trademark Search:

-Use this site to search the U.S. Patent and Trademark database: <http://www.uspto.gov>

Pre-registration is required. A fee charged for each search.

Trade Shows:

-Find trade shows, exhibitors and suppliers or add your event to the searchable industry trade show database at the <http://www.tsn.com> Trade Show News Network.

Trade Shows:

-Add your trade show to this site listing events internationally, read industry white papers and take a look at feature articles at <http://www.scheduleearth.com>

-Trade show information: <http://www.tsn.com> Where, when & what

V:**Veterans:**

Information about joboffers for military personnel and veterans.: <http://www.vetjobs.com> The site connects transitioning military personnel and veterans and businesses who are searching for highly trained, reliable employees.

W:**Wall St. Journal:**

- Wall St Journal Interactive <http://www.wsj.com> WSJ online

Web Information:

- Community Business Association website with links & information <http://cbatucson.org/bri.htm>

Web Search Engines:

- Directory Guide <http://www.directoryguide.com> 400 search engines, etc

Web Site Development:

-Learn all the how-to's of starting, marketing, selling and maintaining your small business Web site at Poor Richard's website <http://www.poorrichard.com>

-An all-in-one e-business center that offers some free and some for fee services to create and customize your web site, conduct e-commerce and more: <http://www.bigstep.com/score/>

-Create & maintain a website: <http://www.workz.com>

Web Site Evaluation:

-Evaluate your web site using the Bobby: <http://www.cast.org/bobby/> This site shows your ranking in several search engines.

Women in Business:

-Women Business Owners: <http://www.nfwbo.org> National Foundation

- Women Business Owners: <http://www.nawbo.org> Resource for women entrepreneurs

-Womens Business Center <http://www.onlinewbc.gov> Women & Business

-Woman owned businesses <http://www.womanowned.com> A resource for women in business.

Z:**ZipCode Lookup**

-ZIP Codes provided by U.S. Postal service: Search by City or Zip code

http://www.usps.com/ncsc/lookups/lookup_zip+4.html

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