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Websites for  
Small Businesses

**BUSINESS**  
LINK 

“Big companies are small companies that succeeded” – Robert Townsend

# STARTING A SMALL BUSINESS

## New York Loves Small Biz

[www.nylovesmallbiz.com](http://www.nylovesmallbiz.com)

Covers all your entrepreneurial needs for doing business in New York State. Some topics are licenses and regulations, insurance, demographics and economic data, business expansion plans, venture capital and exporting. It also has many guides that can be downloaded.

## New York State Governor's Office of Regulatory Reform

[www.gorr.state.ny.us](http://www.gorr.state.ny.us)

Contains information for starting a business, required permits and building codes.

## Small Business Development Center-National Information Clearinghouse

<http://sbdcnets.utsa.edu>

Provides extensive information for all aspects of business. Some of the topics include demographics, copyright/trademark, international trade, home-based businesses, small business trends, business plans, marketing, franchising, and more.

## Bplans.com

[www.bplans.com](http://www.bplans.com)

Free startup tools and tips for small business owners. Helps focus and define business objectives, funding, market analysis and legalities. Articles and sample business plans by type are available.

## Startup Journal-The Wall Street Journal Center for Entrepreneurs

[www.startupjournal.com](http://www.startupjournal.com)

Guidance and practical how-to on starting and buying a new business or franchise. Lists businesses and franchises for sale. In-depth articles looking at issues of interest to entrepreneurs.

## Healthy New York Program

[www.healthyNY.com](http://www.healthyNY.com)

Designed to assist small business owners in providing their employees and their families with health insurance.

### **Small Business Benefit Association**

[www.sbba.com](http://www.sbba.com)

Helpful information to get you through all the details and challenges of owning a small business.

### **Onlinewbc.com**

[www.onlinewbc.com](http://www.onlinewbc.com)

Web portal to information about business plans, grants, marketing plans and home businesses.

### **New York State Department of Taxation and Finance Business Taxpayer Page**

[www.tax.state.ny.us/sbc](http://www.tax.state.ny.us/sbc)

New York State tax information on starting, growing and ending a business.

### **New York Small Business Network**

<http://nysbn.com>

New York Small Business Network is an association designed to help small business and individuals obtain discounts on products and services that will help your business grow.

### **Internal Revenue Service**

[www.irs.gov/businesses/small](http://www.irs.gov/businesses/small)

It is a small business and self-employed one stop resource. In addition to supplying federal tax information, it also includes information about starting, operating and closing a business.

### **Small Business Training Network**

[www.sba.gov/training](http://www.sba.gov/training)

The SBA's virtual campus with free training courses, workshops and more to assist entrepreneurs.

### **U.S. Department of Labor**

[www.dol.gov](http://www.dol.gov)

Find information on DOL rules and regulations and legal compliance assistance for small business.

## **Business.gov**

### **The Official Business Link to the U.S. Government**

[www.business.gov](http://www.business.gov)

Guides you through the maze of government rules and regulations and provides access to services and resources to help you start, grow and succeed in business. Some topics include business laws, government contracting and international trade.

### **New York City Department of Small Business Services**

[www.nyc.gov](http://www.nyc.gov)

From the NYC website, click on Business link. Some of the topics covered are locating and expanding, marketing, regulations and business incentives. It also has many guides that can be downloaded.

### **Franchise Gator**

[www.franchisegator.com](http://www.franchisegator.com)

Franchise Gator connects entrepreneurs with franchise and business opportunities. Search franchises and businesses for sale by industry.

### **International Franchise Association**

[www.franchise.org](http://www.franchise.org)

Offers information on franchise opportunities with a searchable database of over 800 franchise companies.

## **New York Public Library**

### **New York City Small Business Resource Center**

[www.nypl.org/research/sibl](http://www.nypl.org/research/sibl)

To help small business owners locate information sources and assistance programs.

### **Franchise Trade**

[www.franchisetrade.com](http://www.franchisetrade.com)

Offers information and resources for choosing, buying and running franchises and franchise opportunities. Each business listing on the site includes information describing the nature of the franchise or business opportunity and the amount of money you will need to get started.

## **All Business**

[www.allbusiness.com](http://www.allbusiness.com)

Helps entrepreneurs, small and growing businesses, consultants and business professionals save time and money by addressing real-world business questions and presenting practical solutions. The site offers resources including how-to articles, business forms, contracts and agreements, expert advice, blogs, business news, business directory listings, product comparisons, business guides and more.

## **Inc. Magazine**

[www.inc.com](http://www.inc.com)

Advice, tools and services to help business owners and CEOs start, run, and grow their businesses more successfully. You'll find information and advice covering virtually every business and management task, including marketing, sales, finding capital, managing people, etc.

## **Business Know How**

[www.businessknowhow.com](http://www.businessknowhow.com)

Is an award-winning small business destination site for home offices and small businesses and is known for providing practical information about starting, growing and managing small and home-based businesses.

## **Empire State Development (ESD)**

[www.empire.state.ny.us](http://www.empire.state.ny.us)

The ESD is New York State's economic development agency that provides incentives for the development of new businesses and the expansion of existing businesses.

## **Business Town**

[www.businesstown.com](http://www.businesstown.com)

This extensive business information site has sections on managing a business, home businesses, E-commerce, accounting, selling a business and more.

## **Power Home Biz**

[www.powerhomebiz.com](http://www.powerhomebiz.com)

Your source of information, tools and resources for starting, managing and growing a home-based business. There are sections on financing, marketing, E-commerce and business ideas.

# GROWING YOUR SMALL BUSINESS

## Business Owner's Toolkit

[www.toolkit.cch.com](http://www.toolkit.cch.com)

Excellent source of small business know-how available from Commerce Clearing House. The small business guide presents valuable information on running and growing a small business. Also included is a business toolkit that provide checklists, model business forms, online advice, book reviews and regulatory developments affecting the small business owner.

## Entrepreneur.com

[www.entrepreneur.com](http://www.entrepreneur.com)

From the folks of Entrepreneur magazine. Practical information and articles from expert business consultants. Thoroughly covers the areas of start-ups, franchises, marketing, financing and sales essentials to name a few.

## eVenturing

<http://www.eventuring.org>

A minefield of information in one place. The web site is divided into three sections: starting a business, growing an existing business and academic materials to support the entrepreneur.

## Small Business Advocate

[www.smallbusinessadvocate.com](http://www.smallbusinessadvocate.com)

Brought to you by Jim Blasingame, radio talk host and advocate of small business, this site brings a practical, real-life perspective for entrepreneurs. The web site carries a live simulcast of his talk show.

## Global Edge

<http://globaledge.msu.edu>

Provides current information on the business climate, economic landscape and relevant statistical data for 196 countries. Contains a collection of country-specific international business links.

# MINORITIES/WOMEN/VETERANS

## **VETbiz**

[www.vetbiz.gov](http://www.vetbiz.gov)

The Federal government's web portal for veteran business owners. This is a clearinghouse of federal small business programs for veterans.

## **Minority Business Development Agency**

[www.mbda.gov](http://www.mbda.gov)

This is the only federal agency dedicated solely to minority-owned businesses. The four major sections include: access to markets, access to capital, management/technical services and education/training.

## **Online Women's Business Center**

[www.onlinewbc.gov](http://www.onlinewbc.gov)

The U.S. Small Business Administration's Office of Women's Business Ownership promotes the growth of women-owned businesses. There is a network of over 90 Women's Business Centers that offer training in finance, management and counseling.

## **Small Business and Self-Employment Service**

[www.jan.wvu.edu/sbses](http://www.jan.wvu.edu/sbses)

Part of the Office of Disability Employment Policy of the U.S. Department of Labor, this site provides information, counseling and referrals about self employment and small business ownership opportunities for people with disabilities. The site has lists and links to national, state and local organizations and programs.

## **Business Women's Network**

<http://www.bwni.com>

Premier source of information, resources, contacts and opportunities to ensure your stature and success in the work world.

## **Women's Work**

[www.wwork.com](http://www.wwork.com)

Covers marketing your business, home-based businesses and government funding.

## **Biz Women**

[www.bizwomen.com](http://www.bizwomen.com)

Where women in business meet to network. Provides local business news, local business events and advice for women entrepreneurs.

## **Digital Women**

[www.digital-women.com](http://www.digital-women.com)

Provides an international online community for women in business. Inside you will find free business resources and tools including information about business grants, grants for women, free business tips, loans for women, home business ideas, free marketing and sales tips, how to write a mission statement, free daily planner, how-to business articles for women and an opportunity to join and promote your business online.

## **Business and Professional Women of New York**

[www.bpwnys.org](http://www.bpwnys.org)

Networking opportunities for professionals to share contacts and to work on political and social issues.

## **New York State Association of Black Women Owned Enterprises, Inc.**

[www.blackwomenenterprises.org](http://www.blackwomenenterprises.org)

Provides business resources and technical assistance to women.

## **Long Island Center for Business and Professional Women**

[www.licenter.org](http://www.licenter.org)

A networking forum for members to experience business growth, professional development and community involvement.

## **Women of the Fast Track**

[www.womenonthefasttrack.com](http://www.womenonthefasttrack.com)

An opportunity to network with other women professionals.

## **Smithtown Business & Professional Women's Network**

[www.sbpwn.org](http://www.sbpwn.org)

Supports membership through education and networking. Offers women a place to cultivate business contracts, make friends and learn more about themselves.

### **U.S. Small Business Administration My Biz for Women**

[www.sba.gov/women](http://www.sba.gov/women)

Under the auspices of the U.S. Small Business Administration, MY BIZ for Women includes information on starting and growing a small business and gaining access to capital and contracting opportunities. The site also features women's success stories, business tips and upcoming events.

### **Long Island Hispanic Chamber of Commerce**

[www.lihispanicchamber.com](http://www.lihispanicchamber.com)

Provides the Hispanic business community with business support, programs, workshops and networking opportunities.

## **ENTREPRENEUR'S SOURCES**

### **National Institute for World Trade**

[www.niwt.org](http://www.niwt.org)

Offers programs in international trade, education and training, environmental issues and more.

### **Nonprofit FAQ**

[www.nonprofit.org](http://www.nonprofit.org)

Information for and about nonprofits.

### **First Gov.gov**

[www.firstgov.gov](http://www.firstgov.gov)

The U.S. government's official web portal has a section for businesses and nonprofits that covers many topics including foreign businesses in the U.S., minority businesses, international trade, exporting and selling your business.

### **NYS Division of Corporations, State Records and Uniform Commercial Code**

[www.dos.state.ny.us/corp/corpwww.html](http://www.dos.state.ny.us/corp/corpwww.html)

Corporation filing information, fines and fees, trademarks and service marks and online filing.

### **Export.gov**

[www.export.gov](http://www.export.gov)

U.S. government export portal, provides online trade resources and one-on-one assistance for your international business whether you are just starting or expanding your global sales.

### **Trade Information Center**

[www.trade.gov](http://www.trade.gov)

Tariff and tax information. How to get U.S. import duty information.

### **CCH**

[www.cch.com](http://www.cch.com)

Leading provider of tax and business law information.

### **My Incorporation**

[www.myincorporation.com](http://www.myincorporation.com)

Incorporate your business on line, form a LLC, free trademark search and register a trademark on line. Fees are involved.

### **Pack Track**

[www.packtrack.com](http://www.packtrack.com)

Track the progress of your packages at over thirty carrier companies.

### **CEO Express**

[www.ceoexpress.com](http://www.ceoexpress.com)

Connecting busy executives to information that matters, named among the "Best of the Web." Contains business magazines, newsreels, business news, business knowledge, financial markets, international business, small business, law, online marketing and much, much more.

## **FUNDING SOURCES**

### **Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA)**

[www.cfda.gov](http://www.cfda.gov)

Gives you access to a database of all federal programs available to state and local governments, public, quasi-public, private, and nonprofit organizations.

### **Business Finance**

[www.businessfinance.com](http://www.businessfinance.com)

This large website includes more than 4,000 business loan and capital sources. You can choose to search the In Business, Start Up or Buying a Business section.

## **New York Business Development Corporation**

[www.nybdc.com](http://www.nybdc.com)

Promotes economic growth by providing loans to small and medium-size businesses.

# **LONG ISLAND**

## **Long Island Forum for Technology (LIFT)**

[www.lift.org](http://www.lift.org)

Provides technical assistance by staff engineers to small and medium-sized manufacturers.

## **Long Island Development Corporation**

[www.lidc.org](http://www.lidc.org)

Provides technical assistance for companies wishing to do business with federal, state, and local governments.

## **Suffolk Nassau Chamber of Commerce at Huntington**

[www.huntingtonchamber.com](http://www.huntingtonchamber.com)

The chamber is committed to meeting the needs of its membership through government advocacy, networking, education and training.

## **Advancement for Commerce, Industry and Technology (ACIT), Long Island's Networking Source**

[www.acitli.com](http://www.acitli.com)

A business networking organization for people of all professions to regularly meet and do business with one another.

## **Hauppauge Industrial Association**

[www.hia-li.org](http://www.hia-li.org)

A business organization that addresses Long Island's economic health. Programming focuses on international trade, human resources, business development, energy, government affairs and more.

## **Nassau County NY.gov**

[www.nassaucountyny.gov](http://www.nassaucountyny.gov)

Contains information about government contracts, permits and licenses, moving a business to Nassau, non-profits, regulations and compliance, business facts, statistics, maps, etc.

### **Long Island Junior Chamber**

[www.lijc.com](http://www.lijc.com)

The Long Island Junior Chamber is focused on developing leadership and networking opportunities for individuals ages 21-40.

### **Long Island Association, Inc.**

[www.longislandassociation.org](http://www.longislandassociation.org)

Promotes and develops the small business community of Long Island. Brings “how to” practical business seminars to companies across Long Island.

### **Long Island Power Authority**

[www.lipower.org/commercial/small](http://www.lipower.org/commercial/small)

LIPA has programs to help businesses save energy and money. This site also provides information to help small businesses get started, obtain financing and develop business plans to prosper and grow.

## Half Hollow Hills Community Library

Dix Hills Building  
55 Vanderbilt Parkway  
Dix Hills, NY 11746  
631 421-4530

Melville Building  
510 Sweet Hollow Road  
Melville, NY 11747  
631 421-4535

<http://hhhl.suffolk.lib.ny.us>

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