



Business Assistance Organizations

Milwaukee Small Business Development Center (SBDC)

<http://www.sce-sbdc.uwm.edu>

The University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee Small Business Development Center helps entrepreneurs start and grow businesses through high quality educational services. We work with hundreds of entrepreneurs every year to improve business performance and turn ideas into viable business concepts. SBDC Business Answer Line at 1-800-940-SBDC

Small Business Administration (SBA)

<http://www.sba.gov>

The SBA has a wide variety of startup tools, checklists, and resources to help you begin your business. Online courses, workshops and guides are available at <http://www.sba.gov/training/courses.html>. 414-297-3941.

SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives)

<http://www.score.org>

Working and retired executives and business owners donate their time and expertise as volunteers to provide confidential counseling and mentoring free of charge.

State Bar of Wisconsin - Business Assistance Program

<http://www.wisbar.org/bar/pbbap.htm>

Small and emerging businesses throughout Wisconsin can receive up to two hours of counseling from a business lawyer at no cost. For more information on the Business Assistance Program, please call the State Bar at 608-250-6006, service@wisbar.org or visit

Wisconsin Entrepreneurs' Network (WEN)

www.wenportal.org

WEN is a statewide umbrella organization that provides access to a wide range of entrepreneurial training programs and business assistance professionals who can help entrepreneurs and small businesses improve a variety of business operations. WEN also administers several planning grants, including the Early Planning Grant and Entrepreneurial Training Grant for developing comprehensive business plans, and the Technology Assistance Grant to fund professional help in preparing federal R&D funding proposals.

Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Corporation (WWBIC)

<http://www.wwbic.com>

WWBIC provides quality business education, technical assistance and access to capital for entrepreneurs, with an emphasis on serving women, people of color, and those of lower incomes. 414-263-5450

Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS)

<http://www.witechcolleges.com>

The 16 technical colleges with 47 branches throughout the state provide a wide range of services to businesses and industries in Wisconsin. Some campuses offer programs specifically geared toward planning and operating a small business.

Wisconsin Community Action Program Association (WISCAP)

<http://www.wiscap.org>

WISCAP provides business and job opportunities to low income entrepreneurs, providing technical assistance to individuals who have sound ideas for establishing a small business but lack the expertise and knowledge to succeed.

