

Business Resource Guide

Ready?

Set?

Go!

Warrenton Area
Chamber of Commerce

This handy, quick-reference guide has been designed for easy access to helpful business resources. The guide is organized into three categories, based on basic stages of business development needs: starting your business (ready?); maintaining your business (set?); and growing your business (go!). Please note that many of the resources span these categories, offering a wealth of assistance in multiple areas of business development.

Ready?

Starting Your Business

Missouri Business Portal:

www.business.mo.gov

This is your single point of entry for business registration, filings, licenses, and permits for doing business in the State of Missouri. Areas covered include: starting a business in Missouri, registering a business, ongoing requirements for business such as annual filings, licenses, and permits, and available resources to support businesses.

Missouri Business Development Program:

www.missouribusiness.net

The University of Missouri Extension's business program helps Missouri's entrepreneurs succeed in private enterprise and promotes the economic development of the state. It performs this vital service through a network of business counselors. This portal site offers business resources and links on all aspects of business development.

Contact: Shelly Bush-Rowe, Community Development Specialist, MU Extension
107 W. Walton St., Warrenton, MO 63383
(636) 456-3444 or BushS@missouri.edu

Missouri Business Resource Library:

www.missouribusiness.net/library

This collection of documents and links addresses the concerns of small businesses. Materials are organized to help you find what you need quickly. Sources range from Missouri universities and government agencies to international trade associations. Categories include: start-up, finance, types of industries, legal/regulatory, marketing, and other resources.

Missouri Department of Economic Development:

www.missouridevelopment.org

The DED's Division of Business and Community Services Web site offers a wealth of resources and opportunities for businesses and communities, including a research toolbox of links and resources.

SBA (Small Business Administration):

www.sba.gov/smallbusinessplanner

The US Small Business Administration site offers resources and links to programs and services to help your business grow and succeed.

SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives):

www.score.org

SCORE is a nonprofit association dedicated to educating entrepreneurs and the formation, growth and success of small business nationwide. SCORE is a resource partner with the SBA and a premier source of free and confidential small business advice for entrepreneurs. This site has links to various business resources, as well as local contact look-up.

Warrenton Area Chamber of Commerce:

www.warrentoncoc.com

The Chamber is your local point of contact and resource clearinghouse for local business needs.

Contact: Jan Olearnick, Executive Director
111 Steinhagen Rd., Warrenton, MO 63383
(636) 456-2530 or warrentoncoc@socket.net

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Maintaining Your Business

Labor Issues, Employees

Missouri Career Center - Warrenton: www.missouricareersource.com

Missouri Career Centers offer businesses a variety of services, including: recruitment assistance, interviewing facilities, personalized service from business representatives, and access to other valuable business services. An online career assistance resource enables businesses to post job openings, review resumes of job seekers and access the latest labor market information. For job seekers, Missouri Career Centers offer a variety of personalized career assistance services.

Contact: JoAnn Toerper, Program Administrator
111 Steinhagen Rd., Warrenton, MO 63383
(636) 456-9467 or joann@boonslick.org

Employment & Labor Laws Guide: www.business.gov/guides/employment/

This guide from the federal government provides a collection of resources that will help you understand federal and state labor laws, which ones apply to you, and how to comply.

Missouri Department of Labor Business Resources: www.dolir.mo.gov/businesses.htm

The Missouri Department of Labor & Industrial Relations business site includes topics such as: Unemployment insurance, workers' compensation, workplace safety, discrimination & labor law, and seminars/training.

Education, Training, Professional Development

University of Missouri Extension:

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East Central College: www.eastcentral.edu

East Central College offers contract training on a wide variety of topics and can help companies apply for state training funds to improve the skills of their workforce.

Contact: Debby Breeden, Program Specialist, Business & Industry Training
East Central College
1964 Prairie Dell Rd., Union, MO 63084
(636) 583-5193 or breededl@eastcentral.edu

St. Charles Community College: www.stchas.edu

The Business & Industry Institute of St. Charles Community College works with local companies to identify job skills and training needs.

Contact: Amanda M. Sizemore, Director, Workforce Development
4601 Mid Rivers Mall Drive, Cottleville, MO 63376-2865
(636) 922-8388 or asizemore@stchas.edu

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Growing Your Business

Marketing & Research

MERIC (Missouri Economic Research & Information Center): www.missourieconomy.org

MERIC is the research division for the Missouri DED. MERIC provides innovative analyses and assistance to policymakers and the public, including studies of the state's targeted industries and economic development initiatives. Other MERIC research includes Economic Condition Reports, Economic Impact Assessments, and Labor Market Information produced in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor.

OSEDA (Office of Social & Economic Data Analysis): www.oseda.missouri.edu

As part of the MU extension, OSEDA collaborates with partners in the analysis of social and economic data in ways that contribute to improvements in the economic and social well-being of people and communities.

Small Business Marketing Links: www.missouribusiness.net/library/marketing.asp

A direct link to the marketing resource links page from the Missouri Business Development Program Web site. Topics include: Planning, market research, sales, advertising, international trade, government procurement, Web marketing, etc.

Finance (Expansion, Capital Investment)

SBA (Small Business Administration): www.sba.gov/smallbusinessplanner

The US Small Business Administration site offers resources and links to programs and services to help your business grow and succeed. Online resources include: business planner with "how to" information on writing a business plan, starting a business and growing a business.

Small Business Finance Links: www.missouribusiness.net/library/finance.asp

A direct link to the finance resource links page from the Missouri Business Development Program Web site. Topics include: Grants/loans/capital; recordkeeping/accounting; & taxes.

Business.gov: www.business.gov

Business.gov, the official business link to the U.S. Government, is managed by the [SBA](http://www.sba.gov) in a partnership with 21 other federal agencies. This partnership provides a single access point to government services and information to help the nation's businesses with their operations.

B2B (Business to Business Networking)

Missouri Chamber of Commerce & Industry: <http://mochamber.com>

Contact: Missouri Chamber of Commerce & Industry
428 East Capitol Avenue, Jefferson City, MO 65102
573-634-3511 or kbuschmann@mochamber.com

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