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Small Business Research Guide

The Small Business Act states that a small business is "one that is independently owned and operated and which is not dominant in its field of operation." In 2005, Osceola County saw over 7,000 business start-ups, a number that has been steadily increasing every year. From business plans to taxes, the Library maintains a well-rounded collection to assist current and future small businesspeople.

Useful keywords/subject headings for searching

Small Business
Entrepreneurship
New Business Enterprises
Businesspeople (as one word)

Call numbers for locating resources

658 – General business management
346.73 – Legal aspects of small businesses
343.7305 – Tax aspects of small businesses

For subject specific small businesses, search under the subject's call number. For example, how to start a cleaning business – look under 648.

Internet Links

Starting a business in Florida

<http://www.dos.state.fl.us/startbus/index.html>

Florida Department of State provides links to various resources to help start a business.

Florida Department of Corporations

<http://www.sunbiz.org>

Look up fictitious names and corporate filings.

Metro Orlando Economic Development Commission

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

Market data and industry information for the Central Florida area.

Osceola County Economic Development

<http://www.osceola.org/index.cfm?lsFuses=department/EDD>

Economic information and statistics for Osceola County.

U.S. Small Business Administration

<http://www.sba.gov>

The U.S. government site for everything small business.

Small Business Development Center



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<http://www.SBDCOrlando.com>

Provides seminars and business counseling for local business owners.

Thomas Register

<http://www.thomasregister.com>

Where to go to find manufacturers of products for your business.

Trade Show News Network

<http://www.tsnn.com>

Detailed listing of trade shows in the United States.

Center for Women's Business Research

<http://www.nfwbo.org>

Information for women business owners.

Florida Minority Supplier Development Council

<http://www.nmsdcfl.com>

Certifies and helps ethnic minority business owners.

U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

<http://www.usfcc.com>

Promotes and facilitates the success of Hispanic businesses.

Black Business Investment Fund

<http://www.bbif.com>

Provides funding and support to black business owners.

Databases

Gale Virtual Reference Library

Under the Business topic is the Encyclopedia of Small Business that is searchable.

Business & Company Resource Center

Search the Article section in this database for recent publications about small business.

Orlando Sentinel

Search for local organizations and recent articles on small business.

General BusinessFile ASAP

Find industry events and trends, articles and reports when using the search terms "small business."

Thomson Gale LegalForms

Contains forms for starting a business.



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Books

(These are only a sample of the types of materials available)

Tax Savvy for Small Business: year-round tax strategies to save you money

Frederick W. Daily

345.7305 DAI

Holdings at Central, St. Cloud, Buenaventura Lakes, Poinciana

Start, Run, & Grow a Successful Small Business

Editors of CCH Consumer Media Group

658.02 STA

Holdings at Central, St. Cloud, Buenaventura Lakes, Poinciana

How to Write a Business Plan

Mike P. McKeever

658.15 MCK

Holdings at Central, St. Cloud, Buenaventura Lakes, Poinciana and West Osceola

Start a Business in Florida

Mark Warda

346.759 WAR

Holdings at Central, St. Cloud, Buenaventura Lakes, Poinciana and West Osceola

Local Organizations

Score Orlando

<http://www.scoreorlando.org>

Provides business counseling and training seminars for small businesses.

315 E. Robinson Street, One Landmark Center Building Suite 100,

Orlando, Florida 32801

407.420.4844

Kissimmee Chamber of Commerce

<http://www.kissimmeechamber.com>

Local organization of business people designed to advance the interests of its members.

1425 East Vine Street

Kissimmee, FL 34744

407.847.3174

St. Cloud Chamber of Commerce

<http://www.St.Cloudcloudflchamber.com>

Local organization of business people designed to advance the interests of its members.

1200 New York Ave

St. Cloud, Florida 34769

407.892.3671



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Minority/Women Business Enterprise Alliance, Inc.

<http://www.allianceflorida.com>

Resource center to meet the needs of the minority and women business community in Central Florida.

135 E. Colonial Dr., 2nd Floor
Orlando, FL 32801
407.428.5860

Osceola County Economic Development Council

<http://www.osceola.org/index.cfm?lsFuses=department/EDD>

Assists local businesses and advertises Osceola County to bring in new businesses that are a good “fit” to the local community.

3 Courthouse Square, Suite 208
Kissimmee, FL 34741
407.343.4050

Florida Small Business Development Centers at UCF

<http://www.bus.ucf.edu/sbdc/>

Provides training and counseling to help grow local businesses and support small business owners.

Kissimmee location:
1425 East Vine Street
Kissimmee, FL 34744
407.847.2452

Metro Orlando Economic Development Council

<http://www.orlandoedc.com>

Provides extensive market data and industry information for the Central Florida area.

301 E. Pine Street
Suite 900
Orlando, FL 32801
407.422.7159