

SOURCES OF SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE

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A wide variety of organizations offer assistance to small businesses. These are just a few of the most popular and easily accessible sources. One warning: these organizations seem to change addresses and phone numbers frequently, so check the phone directory if you can't reach them at the addresses and phone numbers provided here.

Arizona Business Connection

Arizona Department of Commerce
3800 N. Central Ave., Suite 1500
Phoenix, AZ 85012

Phone: (602) 280-1480
FAX: (602) 280-1339
Hours: M-F 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

A resource for information, referrals, analysis and advice. This is a good place to start if you are looking for information about starting or running a small business.

Arizona Farmers, Growers and Producers Association

P.O. Box 14188
Phoenix, AZ 85063-4188

Phone: (602) 848-1234
FAX: (602) 848-8253

A nonprofit organization that organizes and manages farmers markets in the metropolitan Phoenix area and elsewhere. A good source of information on opportunities to sell in farmers' markets.

Better Business Bureau

4428 N. 12th St.
Phoenix, AZ 85014

Phone: (602) 264-1721
FAX: (602) 263-0997

Better Business Bureau of Southern Arizona

3620 N. 1st Ave., Suite 136
Tucson, AZ 85719

Phone: (602) 888-5353
FAX: (602) 888-6262
Hours: M-F 9 a.m. -5 p.m.

Provides business reliability reports, conciliation, mediation and arbitration of complaints, public education and counseling.

The Entrepreneurs' Center

2425 E. Camelback Rd, Suite 102
Phoenix, AZ 85016

Phone: (602) 912-0031
FAX: (602) 912-0043

The center sells information for start-up businesses and offers meeting places for groups of small business owners.

The HomeBased Business Association

919 W. Mission Drive
Chandler, AZ 85224

Phone: (602) 464-0778
FAX: (602) 899-0605

The Association provides assistance to home based businesses by publishing a directory of home based business and helping home based businesses find customers.

Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE)

2828 N. Central Ave., Suite 800
Phoenix, AZ 85004-1025

Phone: (602) 640-2324
FAX: (602) 640-2360

Chapter 402 (East Valley)

26 N. MacDonald St.
Mesa, AZ 85201

Phone: (602) 964-4846

Chapter 532 (Prescott)

101 W. Goodwin
Suite 307
Prescott, AZ 86301

Phone: (602) 778-7438

Northern Arizona (602) 778-7438
Sedona (602) 282-5440
Lake Havasu City (602) 885-7812
Flagstaff (602) 556-7333
Dewey (602) 772-7969
Glendale (602) 937-4754
Kingman (602) 753-6644
Bullhead City (602) 754-4121
Yuma (602) 782-2400

Chapter 118 (Tucson)

300 W. Congress
Seventh Floor, Rm. 7-H
Box FB 33
Tucson, AZ 85701-1319

Phone: (602) 670-4761
FAX: (602) 670-4763

Promotes development of small business by offering free counseling and low cost seminars on starting, operating and growing a business. Run by volunteers who are retirees with business or management experience. SCORE is supported by the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs)**Arizona Western College**

281 W. 24th St.
Suite 152
Century Plaza
Yuma, AZ 85364

Phone: (602) 341-1650
FAX: (602) 726-2636

Cochise College

901 N. Colombo
Room 411
Sierra Vista, AZ 85635

Phone: (602) 459-9778 or
1 (800) 966-7943 ext. 778
FAX: (602) 459-9737

Coconino Community College

3000 N. Fourth St., Suite 25
Flagstaff, AZ 86004

Phone: (602) 526-5072 or
1 (800) 350-7122
FAX: (602) 526-8693

Eastern Arizona College

622 College St.
Thatcher, AZ 85552-0769

Phone: (602) 428-8590 or
1 (800) 678-3808, ext. 8590
FAX: (602) 428-8462

Gateway Community College

108 N. 40th St.
Phoenix, AZ 85034

Phone: (602) 392-5223
FAX: (602) 392-5329

Mohave Community College

1971 Jagerson Ave.
Kingman, AZ 86401

Phone: (602) 757-0894
FAX: (602) 757-0836

Northland Pioneer College

Institute for Business and
Community Development
P.O. Box 610
Holbrook, AZ 86025

street address:

1001 Deuce of Clubs
Show Low, AZ 85901

Phone: (602) 537-2976
1 (800) 266-7232
FAX: (602) 524-2227

Pima Community College

4903 E. Broadway, Suite 101
Tucson, AZ 85709-1260

Phone: (602) 748-4906
FAX: (602) 748-4585

Rio Salado Community College

301 W. Roosevelt, Suite B
Phoenix, AZ 85003

Phone: (602) 238-9603
FAX: (602) 340-1627

Yavapai College

Elks Building
117 E. Gurley St., Suite 206
Prescott, AZ 86301

Phone: (602) 778-3088 or
1 (800) 922-6787
FAX: (602) 778-3109

SBDCs generally provide assistance to small businesses or people interested in starting small businesses. They often offer both individual counseling and seminars. The SBDCs are supported by the U.S. Small Business Administration and community colleges of Arizona.

Small Business Institute

Arizona State University West

4701 W. Thunderbird Rd.
P.O. Box 37100
Phoenix, AZ 85069-7100

Phone: (602) 543-6225
FAX: (602) 543-6221

Northern Arizona University

Box 15066
Flagstaff, AZ 86301

Phone: (602) 523-7324
FAX: (602) 523-7331

Provide consulting services to small businesses. This is also a program of the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Small Business Service Bureau, Inc.

554 Main St.
P.O. Box 1441
Worcester, MA 01601-1441

Phone: (508) 756-3513 or
1 (800) 222-3434
FAX: (508) 791-4709

Provide legislative advocacy, management assistance and group benefits (health, retirement and financial plans) to small businesses.

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Assist, counsel and back small business through government-backed loans and management assistance.

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