



## ONLINE RESOURCES for SMALL BUSINESSES

### LIBRARY RESOURCES

[Standard & Poor's NetAdvantage](#)—This database primarily covers companies but also contains comprehensive information about industries.

[MasterFile Premier](#) (Ebsco)—This multidisciplinary database provides full-text articles for nearly 2,000 periodicals. It covers many business topics.

[Dun & Bradstreet Million Dollar Directory](#)—Over 160,000 public and private companies are included in this database. Company listings include name, address, line of business, officers and directors, sales, number of employees, and year founded.

[Reference USA](#)—This database allows company searches by size, location, and industry and also includes residential listings.

[Gale Virtual Reference Library](#)—This database includes the Business Plans Handbook series and the Encyclopedia of Small Business along with other business reference books online.

### INTERNET WEB SITES

U.S. Small Business Administration—[www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov)—This web site provides information on the services offered by the SBA. It covers programs on financing, starting, and managing a small business.

Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE®)—[www.score.org](http://www.score.org) or <http://www.scorechicago.org/>—Score is a resource partner with the SBA. The organization provides aid to small businesses and individuals in the formation, growth, and success of small businesses nationwide.

U.S. Internal Revenue Service—[www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)—A special section on the IRS web site provides useful tools for small businesses regarding tax matters.

Welcome Business—[www.welcomebusiness.com](http://www.welcomebusiness.com)—This commercial web site is a free resource center dedicated to assisting entrepreneurs who are starting or growing a small business. It partners with SCORE in providing one-on-one counseling for entrepreneurs.

Thomas Register—[www.thomasnet.com](http://www.thomasnet.com)—The online web site of the print Thomas Register provides information on over 72,000 products and 170,000 companies. Search by product or service, company, or brand name.

State of Illinois Business portal—<http://business.illinois.gov/>—Find forms and information on starting, running or changing a business.

Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity—[www.illinoisbiz.biz](http://www.illinoisbiz.biz)—This State of Illinois web site provides much information on starting a small business and the services the state provides to business.