



Resources for Businesses

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Business Associations

Greater Portland, Inc

Address: 111 SW Columbia Street, Suite 830 Portland, OR 97201

Phone: 503-445-8065

Website: <https://www.greaterportlandinc.com/>

Greater Portland Inc provides economic development support and services to companies seeking to relocate or expand in the Portland metropolitan region. Greater Portland Inc offers the following economic development services: operational cost comparison and modeling, regional labor market data, economic impact analysis, regional site selection assistance, and connectivity to key assets.

Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs

Address: 731 N. Hayden Meadows Drive Portland, OR 97217

Phone: 503-249-7744

Website: <http://www.oame.org/>

(OAME) is a non-profit, tax exempt membership organization with a mission to promote and develop entrepreneurship and economic development for ethnic minorities in the State of Oregon & SW Washington. OAME offers free technical assistance, business counseling, access to capital, networking meetings, and an incubator office space.

Westside Economic Alliance

Address: 10220 S.W. Nimbus Avenue, Suite K-12 Portland, Oregon 97223

Phone: 503-968-3100

Website: <http://westsidealliance.org/>

Westside Economic Alliance provides its members with a common voice on local, regional and state issues, and operates as a problem solver and a “one-stop-shop” for the entire Westside business community.

Issues of concern include land use regulations, urban growth boundary expansion, transportation funding, and other Westside infrastructure issues vital to economic development. Westside Economic Alliance members are strategically located on local, county and state public policy-making committees to advocate for our members' positions regarding these issues.

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Business Financing

Angel Investment Funds

Address: 309 SW Sixth Ave., Suite 212 Portland, Oregon 97204

Phone: 503-222-2270

Website: <https://www.oen.org/2015/01/21/oens-angel-oregon-spring-2015/>

OEN connects entrepreneurs with peers and mentors, startup funding opportunities, and hands-on training.

Columbia-Pacific Economic Development District (Col-Pac)

Address: 100 E St, Columbia City, OR 97018

Phone: 503-397-3099

Website: <http://www.nworegon.org/default.asp?deptid=2&deptmainpage=true>

The Columbia Pacific Business Loan Program provides flexible gap financing for expansion of existing businesses, startup of new businesses, creation of employment opportunities and /or saving existing jobs in NW Oregon.

Crowd Supply – Crowdfunding

Address: N/A

Phone: 800-554-2014

Website: <https://www.crowdsupply.com/>

Crowd Supply is a crowdfunding resource that connects creators with investors.

Hatch Oregon

Address: 2420 NE Sandy Blvd Portland, Oregon 97232

Phone: 503-452-6898

Website: <http://hatchoregon.com/>

Hatch is a nonprofit that focuses on community investment. Hatch provides local communities with educational tools, legal advice, networking opportunities, and economic development programs.

Mercy Corps Northwest Loan Program

Address: 45 SW Naito Parkway Portland, OR 97204

Phone: 503-896-5089

Website: <http://www.mercycorpsnw.org/what-we-do/loan-program/>

Mercy Corps offers microloans to small businesses that do not qualify for traditional bank loans.

MESO Microloan Program

Address: 4008 NE MLK Jr. Blvd. Portland, OR 97212

Phone: 503-421-7620

Website: <http://mesopdx.org/>

Meso's financing program provides capital to owners of small businesses who are unable to access financing through traditional banking institutions. Meso also offers Individual Development Accounts that have a 3:1 savings match for business-related assets or activities.

OBDD Entrepreneurial Development Loan Fund

Address: 775 Summer St NE, Ste 200, Salem, OR 97301-1280

Phone: 503-229-5117

Website: <http://www.oregon4biz.com/How-We-Can-Help/Finance-Programs/EDLF/>

The Entrepreneurial Development Loan Fund (EDLF) provides direct loans to help start-ups, micro-enterprises and small businesses expand or become established in Oregon. This fund fills a niche not provided through traditional lending markets.

Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs Loans (OAME)

Address: 731 N. Hayden Meadows Drive Portland, OR 97217

Phone: 503-249-7744

Website: <http://oame.org/programs-services/access-to-capital/>

OAME provides direct financing to qualifying small businesses via a microloan program as well as assisting small businesses with accessing capital from outside financing sources.

Oregon Business Development Department

Address: 775 Summer St NE, Ste 200, Salem, OR 97301-1280

Phone: 503-986-0123

Website: <http://www.oregon4biz.com/How-We-Can-Help/Finance-Programs/OBDF/>

The Oregon Business Development Fund (OBDF) is a revolving loan fund that provides term fixed-rate financing for land, buildings, equipment, machinery and permanent working capital. Participants must create or retain jobs and must typically be a traded-sector business in manufacturing, processing or distribution. The program gives preference to projects located in rural and distressed areas and to small businesses with fewer than 100 employees.

Prosper

Address: 221 Main Street, Suite 300 San Francisco, CA 94105

Phone: 1-866-615-6319

Website: www.prosper.com

Prosper is a peer-to-peer lending marketplace offering personal loans that range from \$2,000-\$35,000.

Small Business Administration

-SBA 7(a) Program

-SBA 504 Program

-SBA Microloan Program

Address: 409 3rd St, SW. Washington DC 20416

Phone: 503-326-2682

Website: <https://www.sba.gov/>

The SBA works with lenders to provide loans to small businesses. The agency doesn't lend money directly to small business owners. Instead, it sets guidelines for loans made by its partnering lenders, community development organizations, and micro-lending institutions. The SBA guarantees these loans will be repaid, which eliminates some risk for the lending partners.

Travel Oregon Competitive Grants Program

Address: 7000 NE Airport Way Portland, OR 97218

Phone: 1-800-547-7842

Website: <http://industry.traveloregon.com/industry-resources/matching-grants-program/oregon-tourism-commission-matching-grants-program/>

The Travel Oregon Competitive Grants Program awards eligible applicants for projects that contribute to the development and improvement of local communities throughout the state.

Business Information & Demographics

Bureau of Economic Analysis

Address: 4600 Silver Hill Rd. Washington, DC 20233

Phone: 301-278-9004

Website: <https://www.bea.gov>

U.S. government agency that provides macroeconomic and industry statistics.

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Metro-Data Resource Center (MDRC)

Address: 600 NE Grand Ave Portland, OR 97232

Phone: 503-797-1742

Website: <http://www.oregonmetro.gov/index.cfm/go/by.web/id=24876>

MDRC is the regional clearinghouse for independent spatial data, custom mapping, travel demand, air quality modeling, economic forecasting, and land use forecasting.

Oregon Labor Market Information System (OLMIS)

Address: N/A

Phone: N/A

Website: <https://www.qualityinfo.org/>

The Oregon Employment Department's Workforce and Economic Research Division provides accurate, reliable, and timely information about Oregon's state and local labor markets.

Portland State University Population Research Center

Address: 800 NE Oregon St Portland, OR 97232

Phone: 503-725-3922

Website: <https://www.pdx.edu/prc/home>

The Population Research Center provides population data, information, research, and analysis for Oregon and its communities.

U.S. Census Bureau (Fact Finder)

Address: N/A

Phone: 206-381-6310

Website: <https://www.factfinder.census.gov/>

U.S. Census Bureau serves America as the leading source of quality data about our people, business and economy.

Business Resources

Bureau of Labor & Industries

Address: 800 NE Oregon St., Suite 1045 Portland, OR 97232

Phone: 971-673-0761

Website: <http://www.oregon.gov/BOLI/pages/index.aspx>

BOLI protects employment rights, advances employment opportunities, and ensures access to housing and public accommodations free from discrimination.

BOLI offers the following technical assistance to employers: public seminars, on-sight trainings, employment law manuals and publications.

BOLI offers the following assistance to employees: enforcing laws related to minimum wage, overtime, terms and conditions of employment and prevailing wage rates on public works projects.

Government Contract Acquisition Program (GCAP)

Address: 1144 Gateway Loop, Suite 203 Springfield, OR 97477

Phone: 541-736-1088

Website: <http://www.gcap.org/>

GCAP assists small businesses to obtain government contracts. GCAP services include: certified counseling, registration assistance, bid-matching services, SBA assistance, training & conferences, interpreting solicitations, proposal review, subcontracting assistance, and product / procurement histories.

Internal Revenue Service

Address: N/A

Phone: 503-221-5441

Website: <https://www.irs.gov/>

The revenue service for the United States federal government. The IRS administers federal tax laws and collects taxes. The IRS offers the following taxation services: filing, payments, returns, credits and deductions.

Oregon Business Association

Address: 6975 SW Sandburg Street, Suite 250 Tigard, OR 97223

Phone: 503-641-0990

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

Business association advocating for the long-term enhancement of Oregon's business climate.

Oregon Business Council

Address: 1100 SW 6th Avenue, Suite 1608 Portland, OR 97204-1090

Phone: 503-220-0691

Website: <http://orbusinesscouncil.org/>

Association of more than 40 top business executives focused on public issues that affect Oregon's life and future. Produces the Oregon Business Plan.

Oregon Business Development Department

Address: 775 Summer St NE Ste 200 Salem, OR 97301-1280

Development Department Phone: 503-986-0123

Business Referral Center Phone: 503-986-2220

Regional Development Office Phone: 503-229-5625

Business Finance Phone: 503-986-0172

International Trade Phone: 503-229-5625

Website: <http://www.oregon4biz.com/>

Starting a Business: <http://www.oregon4biz.com/Innovate-&-Create/Start/>

Grow Oregon Program: <http://www.oregon4biz.com/How-We-Can-Help/Grow-Oregon/>

Business Oregon helps Oregon businesses locate, grow, export & expand. Business Oregon is the economic development agency for the state of Oregon, focusing on the expansion and retention of Oregon businesses. Business Oregon offers finance programs, export promotion grants, land & infrastructure programs, business succession planning, and a wide range incentive programs to encourage business growth.

Oregon Department of Revenue

Address: 955 Center Street NE Salem, OR 9730-2555

Phone: 503-378-4988

Website: <http://www.oregon.gov/DOR/Pages/index.aspx>

The Oregon Department of Revenue administers Oregon tax law and collects taxes. The department's programs range from personal income tax, business tax, property tax, timber, cigarette and tobacco products, other agency accounts, and deferral programs.

Oregon Manufacturing Extension Partnership (OMEP)

Address: 7650 SW Beveland Street, Suite 170 Portland, OR 97223

Phone: 503-406-3770

Website: <https://www.omep.org/>

OMEP offers provide the following consultation services to state-based manufacturers: logistics, profit maximization, recruitment and retention, sales expansion, and strategic operational planning.

Secretary of State Business Guide for Employers

Address: 255 Capitol St. NE Suite 151 Salem, OR 97310

Phone: 503-986-2200

Website: <http://sos.oregon.gov/business/Pages/business-publications.aspx>

Resource created by the Secretary of State that offers the following business publications: Start a Business Guide, Oregon Employer's Guide, and Assumed Business Name Guide.

Workers Compensation Insurance

Address: 350 Winter Street NE P.O Box 14480 Salem, Oregon 97309-0405

Phone: 503-947-7810

Website: <http://wcd.oregon.gov/Pages/index.aspx>

State governance that administers and regulates rules and laws that affect those within Oregon's workers' compensation system, including workers, employers, insurers, claim examiners, attorneys, and medical providers.

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Federal Resources

Small Business Administration

Address: 409 3rd St, SW. Washington DC 20416

Phone: 503-326-2682

Website: <https://www.sba.gov/offices/district/or/portland>

The SBA provides assistance primarily through its four programmatic functions: business financing, entrepreneurial development, government contracting, and advocacy.

US Department of Agriculture

Address: 1400 Independence Ave., S.W. Washington, DC 20250

Phone: 503-414-3300

Website: <https://www.usda.gov/>

The USDA provides leadership on food, agriculture, natural resources, rural development, nutrition, related issues based on public policy, science, and effective management.

Small Business Administration

Address: 409 3rd St, SW. Washington DC 20416

Phone: 503-326-2682

Website: <https://www.sba.gov/offices/district/or/portland>

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Industry Clusters

Associated Oregon Industries (AOI)

Address: 1149 Court Street NE Salem, OR 97301-4030

Phone: 503-588-0050

Website: <http://www.oregonbusinessindustry.com/>

AOI represents its members before the legislature and state agencies for issues relating to: education and workforce development, employment practices, environment and energy, health care, retail, fiscal policy and transportation.

Oregon Association of Nurseries

Address: 29751 SW Town Center Loop W. Wilsonville, OR 97070

Phone: 503-682-5089

Website: <http://www.oan.org/>

Oregon Association of Nurseries (OAN) is a non-profit trade association that represents nearly 900 individual nursery stock producers, retailers, landscapers and related companies serving the nursery and greenhouse industry.

Oregon Industry Cluster Program

Address: 1100 SW 6th Avenue, Suite 1608 Portland, Oregon 97204-1017

Phone: 503-595-7608

Website: <http://www.oregonbusinessplan.org/>

OBP is a plan to grow jobs and raise incomes across Oregon, developed by the private sector in partnership with key public officials.

Oregon Restaurant and Lodging Association

Address: 8565 SW Salish Lane, Suite 120 Wilsonville, OR 97070-9633

Phone: 503-682-4422

Website: <https://www.oregonrla.org/>

Oregon Restaurant & Lodging Association (ORLA) is the leading business association for the foodservice and lodging industry in Oregon.

Northwest Food Processors Association

Address: 8338 NE Alderwood Rd Suite 160 Portland, OR 97220

Phone: 503-327-2200

Website: <http://www.nwfpa.org/>

NWFPA provides members to an array of tools and resources that provide up-to-date information and training on critical industry issues: advocacy, training, issue management, print and online publications, exclusive events, professional development, and leadership opportunities.

Washington County Visitors Association

Address: 12725 SW Millikan Way, Suite 120, Beaverton Oregon 97005

Phone: 503-644-5555

Website: <https://tualatinvalley.org>

WCVA's Visitor Center offers extensive information on Washington County as well as general information on the region.

Small Business / Startup Resources

Business Express One Stop – State of Oregon

Address: N/A

Phone: N/A

Website: <http://www.oregon.gov/business/Pages/index.aspx>

Online portal established by the State of Oregon to provide resources for starting, expanding and operating a business in Oregon or relocating a business within or to Oregon.

Lewis and Clark Small Business Legal Clinic (SBLC)

Address: 310 SW Fourth Ave., Suite 1018 Portland, Oregon 97204

Phone: 503-568-6940

Website: http://law.lclark.edu/centers/small_business_legal_clinic/

SBLC provides businesses transactional legal services to low-income and small and emerging businesses, cooperatives and nonprofit corporations.

Mercy Corps Northwest

Address: 45 SW Naito Parkway Portland, OR 97204

Phone: 503-896-5070

Website: <https://www.mercycorpsnw.org/>

Mercy Corps Northwest offers small businesses and microenterprises with the following services to help facilitate growth and resilience: education and training, small business grants (IDAs), small business loans, a women's business center, and business planning resources.

Oregon Entrepreneurs Network (OEN)

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Website: <https://www.oen.org/>

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Resource created by the Secretary of State that offers the following business publications: starting a business, closing a business, business laws and rules, business registry FAQ, prevent and detect business identity theft, disclosure of public records, government databases, scam alert, and small business assistance.

Self-Employment Assistance Program (SEA)

Address: 875 Union ST. NE Salem, OR 97311

Phone: 503-681-0219

Website: <http://www.oregon.gov/Employ/Unemployment/Pages/SEA.aspx>

The SEA program is an option for unemployment insurance claimants who have been identified as likely to run out of benefits before they return to work. The SEA program offers participants self-employment assistance training.

Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE)

Address: 620 SW Main, Suite 314 Portland, OR 97205

Phone: 503-326-5211

Website: <https://portlandor.score.org/>

SCORE is a nationwide nonprofit that is dedicated to the formation, growth, and success of small businesses. SCORE offers the following services to small businesses: free & confidential mentoring, workshops & events, and templates / tools for business planning.

Small Business Advocate – Secretary of State

Address: 255 Capitol ST. NE, Suite 151 Salem, OR 97310

Phone: 844-469-5512

Website: <http://sos.oregon.gov/business/Pages/office-small-business-assistance.aspx>

The Small Business Advocate provides resources for businesses that are starting, growing, or winding down. In addition, the Small Business Advocate assists those who believe they have been subjected to unfair state regulatory actions.

Small Business Development Center (SBDC)

Address: 1626 SE Water Ave. Portland, OR 97214

Phone: 971-722-5080

Website: <https://www.pcc.edu/climb/small-business/>

The Oregon Small Business Development Center at Portland Community College provides small business with one-and-one business advising and training programs.

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Columbia-Pacific Economic Development District (Col-Pac)

Address: 100 E St, Columbia City, OR 97018

Phone: 503-397-3099

Website: <http://www.nworegon.org/default.asp?deptid=2&deptmainpage=true>

The Columbia Pacific EDD (Col-Pac) provides economic and community development services in Clatsop County, Columbia County, Tillamook County, and Western Washington County.

The Columbia Pacific EDD (Col-Pac) is a nonprofit organization established to “promote and sustain healthy communities through retention, diversification and expansion of the economic base.” Col-Pac oversees the District’s Revolving Loan Fund that provides gap financing for expansion of existing businesses, startup of new businesses, and employment opportunities.

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Oregon Economic Development Association (OEDA)

Address: 12725 SW 66th Avenue, Suite 107 Portland, OR 97223

Phone: 503-597-0094

Website: <https://oeda.biz/>

Advocates for economic development policy and resources, conducts training and education opportunities for Oregon economic development professionals, produces OregonProspector.com industrial/commercial property database.

Portland Development Commission

Address: 1900 SW 4th Ave., Ste 7000 Portland, OR 97201

Phone: 503-823-3200

Website: <http://prosperportland.us/>

Prosper Portland connects people and resources to build an equitable economy by growing family-wage jobs, advancing opportunities for prosperity, collaborating with partners for an equitable city, and creating vibrant neighborhoods and communities.

METRO

Address: 600 NE Grand Ave. Portland, OR 97232-2736

Phone: 503-797-1700

Website: www.oregonmetro.gov

Metro manages the following services: Oregon Zoo, Oregon Convention Center, Portland Expo Center, Portland's Center for the Arts, Data Resource Center, Garbage and Recycling, and Metro Cemeteries

Rural Development Initiatives, Inc. (RDI)

Address: 2620 River Road, Suite 205 Eugene, OR 97404

Phone: 541-684-9077

Website: <https://www.rdiinc.org/>

RDI is a non-profit dedicated to serving as a catalyst for rural community vitality working with rural leaders and volunteers to expand their knowledge, skills and networks so they can undertake successful community and economic development projects.

Washington County

Address: 155 N First Ave Hillsboro, OR 97124

Phone: 503-846-8685

Website: <http://www.co.washington.or.us/>

Governmental entity representing the region in which Banks resides. Washington County facilitates a multitude of key administrative services (e.g. zoning, land use & building, jobs & employment, property taxes, development applications, etc.)
