

South Carolina Business Resources

- South Carolina Department of Commerce Resource Finder (<http://scommerce.com/sc-business-network/resource-finder/>) – Find support, information, and help to start and grow your business.
- The Governor’s Office of Small and Minority Business Assistance (OSMBA) (<http://osmba.sc.gov/>) - The Governor’s Office of Small and Minority Business Assistance (OSMBA) connects minority- and women-owned small businesses to State contracting and procurement opportunities through the Material Management Office (MMO), while working with State agencies to implement and monitor minority-contracting programs in accordance with applicable policies, laws, and regulations.
- South Carolina Small Business Development Centers (SC SBDC) (<http://www.scsbdc.com/>) - Under a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration the Small Business Development Center (SC SBDC) program was established to aid small business start-up ventures and to assist in the continued growth of small businesses across the country. The program is supported with federal, state and private funds and is open to any present or prospective small business owner generally fee free.
- Biz Builder SC (<http://www.fasttracsc.org/>) - Promotes entrepreneurship and small business in South Carolina through the FastTrac® programs. We want to help visionaries like you, turn your ideas into sustainable growth-oriented businesses in order to improve the quality of life and work in South Carolina.
- Richland County Business Service Center (<http://www.richlandonline.com/Government/Departments/LicensingRegistration/BusinessServiceCenter.aspx/>) - The Business Service Center was established to provide a single source of contact for businesses in Richland County; reducing the need for businesses to go to multiple locations in order to operate a business in the county.
- South Carolina Association of Non-Profit Organizations (<http://www.scanpo.org/>) - Interested in starting a Non-Profit? The South Carolina Association of Non-Profit Organizations has a very informative page on how to start a Non-Profit.
- South Carolina Chamber of Commerce (<http://www.scchamber.net/>) - The South Carolina Department of Commerce works to promote economic opportunity for individuals and businesses. As South Carolina’s leading economic development agent, the Department of Commerce works to recruit new businesses and help existing businesses grow.
- South Carolina Chamber of Small Business (<http://scsbc.org/>) - The SC Small Business Chamber of Commerce, a statewide advocacy organization working to make state and local government more small business friendly.

- Charleston Digital Corridor (<http://www.charlestondigitalcorridor.com/>) - With the goal of offering tangible resources to the business community, the Digital Corridor serves as a portal to government, infrastructure, real estate, education, venture capital, professional resources and a trained workforce.
- WorkSC (<http://worksc.org/>) - A comprehensive job seeker and workforce skill building resource for South Carolina's libraries, government agencies, and citizens.
- State Trade and Export Promotion (STEP) Program (http://scommerce.com/sites/default/files/all/scommerce/Documents/Business%20Services/state_trade_and_export_promotion_flyer.pdf/) - The program for South Carolina seeks to increase the exporting activity among small and disadvantaged businesses. The project will serve three types of businesses: 1) those that have never exported but want to investigate; 2) those that have exported but with limited success; 3) those that are experienced exporters
- Search Online Reference Databases Courtesy of the South Carolina State Library (<http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?authtype=ip,uid&profile=sbr/>) - Small Business Reference Center-Up to date information on topics related to small businesses and entrepreneurs.
 - Topics include: buying and selling a business, managing employees, writing business plans, understanding legal information, marketing and more
 - Contains nearly 400 full-text periodicals, over 450 full-text reference books, and hundreds of business videos
 - Provides state-specific resources with demographic data and other local information

To obtain a User Name and Password Contact the Discus Office at Discusoffice@statelibrary.sc.gov or contact the State Library's Reference Desk at 803-734-8026 or reference@statelibrary.sc.gov.