



U.S. Small Business  
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# Gain the Confidence to Move Forward with Help from the SBA's Resource Partner Network

WHETHER YOU NEED TO CREATE A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS PLAN, GET EXPERT ADVICE ON EXPANDING YOUR BUSINESS, OR TRAIN YOUR TEAM, SBA'S NATIONWIDE NETWORK OF RESOURCE PARTNERS IS HERE TO HELP.

Enter your zip code or click on the map to connect with your local SBA district office and other resources in your area.

Zip Code  Distance  State

Use the interactive map on [sba.gov/tools/local-assistance](https://sba.gov/tools/local-assistance) to help you find your local resource partner in the United States and its territories.

These independent organizations funded by the SBA provide high-quality training and counseling designed to meet the specific needs of small business owners—for free or at a low cost. With more than 300 SCORE chapters, 980 Small Business Development Centers, 100 Women's Business Centers, and 20 Veterans Business Outreach Centers across the country, you're never far away from SBA-approved experts who can help your business thrive.

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## SCORE

Join the ranks of other business owners who have experienced higher revenues and increased growth thanks to mentoring they received from SCORE. The nation's largest network of volunteer business mentors harnesses the passion and knowledge of real-world business executives to provide invaluable mentorship in person, via email or over video chat. Visit [sba.gov/score](https://sba.gov/score) to start working on your business goals.

## Small Business Development Centers

Small Business Development Center counselors help entrepreneurs to realize their dream of business ownership and then remain competitive in an ever-changing global economy. You have access to free counseling and low-cost training on topics such as marketing, regulatory compliance, technology development, and international trade. Find your local Small Business Development Center at [sba.gov/sbdc](https://sba.gov/sbdc).

## Women's Business Centers

If you are interested in starting a small business, your local Women's Business Center (WBC) is a good place to start. Tap into their national network of community-based centers for counseling, training, mentoring, and referrals. For your nearest Women's Business Center, visit [sba.gov/women](https://sba.gov/women).

## Veterans Business Outreach Centers

Veteran entrepreneurs or small business owners can receive business training, counseling and mentoring, and referrals to other SBA Resource Partners at a Veterans Business Outreach Center, [sba.gov/vboc](https://sba.gov/vboc). This is also the place to receive procurement guidance, which can help your business better compete for government contracts.

To find out more about SBA Resource Partners, visit your local SBA District Office or [SBA.gov](https://sba.gov).

# SBA Resources in North Dakota

## SCORE

In addition to meeting in person, you can use email and easy face-to-face video technologies to connect with an experienced SCORE mentor no matter where you, or they, are located. Connect with a mentor and find business tools, templates, tips, and webinars at [score.org/find-location?state=ND](https://score.org/find-location?state=ND).

## North Dakota Small Business Development Centers (ND SBDC)

ND SBDC service centers are staffed by certified business advisors and located throughout the state to serve and support businesses in every region. From start-up logistics through succession planning and every stage in between, the SBDC can help. Connect with an advisor and find training opportunities at [ndsfdc.org](https://ndsfdc.org).

## North Dakota Women's Business Center (ND WBC)

CTB operates the ND WBC and provides free one-on-one business advising services, empowering women entrepreneurs to launch, advance, and sustain their businesses. Connect with the ND WBC at [ndwbc.com](https://ndwbc.com).

## North Dakota Veteran Business Outreach Center (VBOC of the Dakotas)

The VBOC of the Dakotas provides training, one-on-one advising and start-up assistance to active duty, veterans and military spouses throughout North and South Dakota. Connect with them at [und.edu/dakotasvboc](https://und.edu/dakotasvboc).

## Small Business Resource Guide, North Dakota Edition

A guide with information on the various aspects of starting and operating a business in North Dakota. To access online, visit [sba.gov/nd](https://sba.gov/nd), or request a free hard copy by email to [north.dakota@sba.gov](mailto:north.dakota@sba.gov)

## Webinars and Workshops

The SBA North Dakota District Office hosts a variety of webinars and workshops on small business topics. Find more information on the SBA North Dakota [calendar of small business events](https://sba.gov/nd) at [sba.gov/nd](https://sba.gov/nd).

The SBA also offers a variety of self-paced online training courses to help you explore and learn about the many aspects of business ownership. Access the SBA's Learning Center at [sba.gov/learning-center](https://sba.gov/learning-center).

## Dakota Business Newsletter

A biweekly newsletter with valuable information about starting and growing a small business in North Dakota. Subscribe today with the ['Get Email Updates'](#) button at [sba.gov/nd](https://sba.gov/nd).

## Emerging Leaders Program - Fargo, ND

Emerging Leaders is a seven-month course in Fargo to help business owners create a strategic growth plan. Course participants are chosen through a competitive selection process. For more information, contact Sherri Komrosky in the SBA North Dakota District Office at 701-239-5658 or [sherri.komrosky@sba.gov](mailto:sherri.komrosky@sba.gov).

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