

Thinking about starting or growing a small business?

- **Greater Independence Business Incubator**
Phone: 503-837-0786
E-mail: Incubatorinfo@minetfiber.com
Web: www.thegibi.com
- **MicroEnterprising Resources Initiatives & Training (MERIT)**
Phone: 503-399-5088
E-mail: fpeck@chemeketa.edu
Web: www.merit-microenterprise.org
- **Small Business Administration**
Web: www.sba.gov

Small Business Development Center (SBDC)

Chemeketa BizCenter
365 Ferry Street SE
Salem, OR 97301
Phone: 503-399-5088
Web: www.BizCenter.org

Programs:

- **Business Capital Resource Center**—
(From Need to Banker)
- **Opportunity Knocks**—
(Peer Advisory Boards)
- **Western Oregon International Trade Center**— (International Trade Certificate)
- **Small Business Management**—
(Practical Business Applications)

Independence Services

Broadband/Telephone/Television: MINET
(503-837-0700)

405 N. Hogan Rd. Monmouth, OR 97361

Electricity: Pacific Power (888-221-7070)

825 NE Multnomah Portland, OR 97232

Gas: NW Natural (800-523-7661)

3123 Broadway NE Salem, OR 97303

Garbage: Brandt's Sanitary (503-838-0464)

158 S. Pacific Ave. Monmouth, OR 97361

Newspaper: Itemizer-Observer (503-623-2373)

147 SE Court St. Dallas, OR 97338

Water & Sewer: City of Independence (503-838-1212)

240 Monmouth St. Independence, OR 97351

Post Office: (503-838-5207)

216 S. 2nd St. Independence, OR 97351

DMV: Dallas DMV (503-945-7942)

514 E. Ellendale Dallas, OR 97338

IDA

Independence Downtown Association

PO Box 446 Independence, OR 97351

www.independencedowntown.org

Become a member!

IDA shall encourage, support and help preserve the livability and historic nature of the downtown core area of Independence for all residents and visitors.



The Independence
Downtown
Association

Small Business Toolkit



This Toolkit has been designed to highlight local services offered to small businesses.

Including:

Low cost + free web tools,
essential websites,
small business financing,
mentoring from professionals.

Do You Need Some Professional Advice?

- **SCORE**
Web: www.score.org
-Free and confidential business advice
-Find local workshops
- **MicroMentor**
Web: www.micromentor.org
-Connect with a mentor who has experience in the business world

Are You a Minority Small Business Owner?

- **Office of Minority, Women, & Emerging Small Business**
350 Winter St. NE, 2nd Floor
Salem, OR 97301
Phone: 503-947-7922
E-mail: omwesb.web@state.or.us
Web: www.oregon.gov/OBDD/OMWESB/index.shtml
- **Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs (OAME)**
Phone: 503-249-7744
Web: www.oame.org
- **ONABEN (A Native American Business Network)**
Phone: 503-968-1500
Web: www.onaben.org

Low + No-Cost Web Services

- **Business Tools**
www.micromentor.org/resources/resource-center-business-tools-toolkits
(OR)
www.intuit.com
- **Project Management**
www.basecamphq.com/
- **Email + Calendar + Document Hosting** www.google.com/apps/intl/en/business/index.html
- **Client/Funder Relationship Management (CRM), Evaluation Data**
www.salesforce.com
- **Free Calls Over the Internet**
www.skype.com
- **Free Conference Calling**
www.freeconferencecall.com
- **Screen Capture + Screen Casting**
www.jingproject.com
- **Search Engine Marketing**
www.google.com/intl/en_us/ads/ads_1.html
- **Volunteer Recruitment**
www.volunteermatch.org
- **Free Blogging Software**
www.wordpress.org

Small Business Financing

- **Small Business Loan Programs For Businesses in Marion, Polk, Yamhill, and Clackamas Counties**
105 High Street SE
Salem, OR 97301
Phone: 503-588-6177
E-mail: jsafstrom@mwvcog.org
Brochure Link: www.mwvcog.org/loans/Finance%20Brochure2008.pdf
- **SBA List of Possible Loan Sources**
www.sba.gov/localresources/district/or/
- **Independence Façade Improvement Grant Program**
www.ci.independence.or.us/Portals/6/FacadeGrantAppl.7.20.09.pdf
(type in this link to view full document)

Eligibility: Any property owner or business tenant (with the owner's permission) of a commercial property located within the Independence Urban Renewal District.
(Map of district on PDF link above)
- **Independence Revolving Loan Fund**
Uses: land, building acquisition, new construction, equipment, working capital. (Learn more at Independence City Hall)
- **USDA Rural Development**
www.rurdev.usda.gov/or/biz.htm