

**Florence County Library System**  
**RECOMMENDED ENTREPRENEUR/SMALL**  
**BUSINESS RESOURCES**

**DATABASES**

Business & Company Resource Center 

Great resource for finding information on a particular industry. Users may search with SIC, NAICS, or industry description. Provides overviews, news, rankings, associations, and more.

<http://florencelibrary.org/researchlinks.html>

General Business File ASAP 

Search market, industry, and other content from hundreds of business periodicals. Click on "Title List" to see the available content; note the many different options in "Advanced Search."

<http://florencelibrary.org/researchlinks.html>

Hoovers

Database of 12 million companies, with in-depth coverage of 40,000 of the world's top business enterprises, is at the core of their business tools and services that customers find vital to their business operations.

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NewsBank 

Access *The State* (1987-current) and *The Greenville News* (1999-current) newspapers.

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Reference USA

Allows user to search vast business directory on a combination of criteria such as industry, geographic area, number of employees, etc.

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Small Business Resource Center 

Provides tools for industry research, financial planning, and other business activities. Has pre-compiled information on common business topics. Also contains numerous examples of business plans. Easy to search and highly intuitive.

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**WEB SITES**

Entrepreneur.com

Plenty of free content, including inspirational articles from the magazine of the same name. Contains pages on marketing, franchises, human resources, technology, and more.

<http://entrepreneur.com/>

Small Business Development Center of South Carolina

The center provides management and technical assistance to small business owners and managers within a 15 county region, Florence county being one of them. They have an office at Florence-Darlington Technical College.

<http://cba.winthrop.edu/sbdc/>

#### FindLaw for Small Business

Well established legal site provides legal information on wide range of small business topics, including incorporation & legal structures, forms & contracts, and worker's compensation.

<http://smallbusiness.findlaw.com/>

#### Greater Florence Chamber of Commerce

Presents benefits of membership and other information, such as chamber programs and event calendar.

<http://www.florencesccchamber.com/default.asp>

#### SC Business One Stop (SCBOS)

Excellent for understanding and meeting our state government's requirements for doing business in South Carolina. The place to go for registrations, licenses, permits, and paying state taxes. Also has plenty of other helpful information about doing business in SC.

<http://www.scbos.com/default.htm>

#### SC Department of Commerce : Entrepreneurship and Small Business Services

Offers *Starting a Business in South Carolina Guide*. Financing opportunities are also found here.

<http://www.sccommerce.com/smallbusiness.html>

#### SC Department of Commerce : Searchable Databases

The *communitis* database provides demographics and other important information about counties and communities in SC. The user-friendly interface is a big plus.

<http://www.sccommerce.com/SearchDatabase.aspx>

#### SCORE: Counselors to America's Small Business

SCORE Volunteers are working or retired business owners, executives and corporate leaders who share their wisdom and lessons learned in business. Info and tools on everything from human resources management to financial planning.

<http://www.score.org/>

#### U.S. Census Bureau

Very useful demographic information for market research. "Your Gateway to Census 2000" contains an enormous amount of data collected from the year 2000, while Economic Census provides industry/sector info within specific geographic areas.

<http://www.census.gov/>

#### Wall Street Journal Small Business

Voice of business provides site worth going to. Be sure to click on "Small Business Link" for the monthly focus on a particular topic – previous months' included.

<http://online.wsj.com/small-business>

#### Yahoo Trade Associations

Trade associations often provide valuable market research that pertains to their trade or industry. This site listed 175 associations.

[http://dir.yahoo.com/Business\\_and\\_Economy/Organizations/Trade\\_Associations/](http://dir.yahoo.com/Business_and_Economy/Organizations/Trade_Associations/)