

Business Resources at MPPL and Online

<http://mppl.org/research/research-guides/business-and-financial-research/>

Startup & Development

Illinois Entrepreneurship Network (Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity – DCEO)
<http://www.illinois.gov/dceo/Pages/default.aspx>

SBA Small Business Startup Toolkit (United States Small Business Administration)
<http://www.sba.gov/category/navigation-structure/starting-managing-business/starting-business>

SBDCNet (National Information Clearinghouse)
<http://www.sbdnet.org/>

Small Business Help: kits and free news (AllBusiness.com)
<http://www.allbusiness.com/>

Step-by-Step Guide to Starting a Business in Illinois (State of Illinois)
<http://www.illinois.gov/business/Pages/default.aspx>

Illinois Small Business Development Center at Harper College (Harper College)
<http://goforward.harpercollege.edu/business/sbdc/index.php>

Business Plans

BPlans.com (Palo Alto Software Inc.)
<http://www.bplans.com/>

Franchising

Franchise Finder (Franchise Solutions, Inc.)
<http://www.franchisesolutions.com/>

Franchise Handbook (Enterprise Magazines)
<http://franchisehandbook.com/>

Business Portals

Illinois Real Time Corporate/LLC Information Search (State of Illinois)
http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/business_services/corp.html

Federal and State Resources

Small Business Administration
<http://www.sba.gov/>
The SBA offers a large variety of online training programs for small business management.

SCORE: Counselors to America's Small Business (Chicago)
<http://scorechicago.org/>
Free counseling services provided by retired business executives. The nearest location is the Des Plaines Chamber of Commerce, 1401 Oakton St. 847/824-4200.

Illinois Registration and Tax Information for Business
<http://www.revenue.state.il.us/Businesses/index.htm>

Business Services/Publications and Forms @ Cyberdrive Illinois
<http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/publications/home.html>

Organizations and Associations

National Association for the Self-Employed
<http://www.nase.org/>

National Association of Women Business Owners
(Chicago Chapter)
<http://www.nawbochicago.org/>

Mount Prospect Chamber
<http://www.mountprospectchamber.org/>

Downtown Merchants Association
<http://www.mpdma.org/>

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Databases

GVRL Business

- Business Plans Handbook
- Encyclopedia of Emerging Markets

LexisNexis

- Company info
- Financials
 - Mergers & Acquisitions
 - Analyst reports
- Current news
- Legal
 - Recent cases in U.S./Canada/UK/Ireland
- Intellectual property
 - Patents/trademarks

Business Source Complete

- Advanced search—Reviews & Products/NAICS code/DUNS number/Ticker symbol/People
 - The **North American Industry Classification System (NAICS)** is the standard used by Federal statistical agencies in classifying business establishments for the purpose of collecting, analyzing, and publishing statistical data related to the U.S. business economy.
 - The **Data Universal Numbering System**, abbreviated as **DUNS** or **D-U-N-S**, is a proprietary system developed and regulated by [Dun & Bradstreet](#) (D&B) that assigns a unique numeric identifier, referred to as a "DUNS number" to a single business entity. It was introduced in 1963 to support D&B's credit reporting practice. It is a common standard worldwide. DUNS users include the [European Commission](#), the [United Nations](#) and the [United States government](#). More than 50 global, industry, and trade associations recognize, recommend, or require DUNS. The DUNS database contains over 100 million entries for businesses throughout the world.
- Limiters
- Browse—Business videos/Company profiles/Company info/SWOT analyses/Industry profiles/Market research reports

Standard & Poor's NetAdvantage

- S&P Commentary
- Industry Surveys
- NetAdvantage Guides
- Directories

Reference USA

- US and Canadian white pages
- More information box when mousing over
- US new movers
- US/Canadian Businesses
- US Consumers/Lifestyles
- Quick search vs. custom search
- Menu bar—Historic data reports/Library locator/Portfolio planning tools

Print Resources

Illinois Manufacturers Directory

RD R 338.4 ILL 2014

See also: OH, MN, WI, MI, IA, IN

Illinois Services Directory

RD R 338.0025 ILL 2014

The Direct Marketing Market Place

BR R 381 DIR 2014

Small Business Sourcebook

BR R 658.022 SMA Vol. 1-6

Doing Business in the United States

BR R 382.3 SPI Vol. 1-6

Business Plans

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General Dewey areas: 346/658.022