

## **Business.gov – BENEFITS & FEATURES**

Business.gov helps small business owners quickly and easily locate information on complying with federal, state and local regulations, and for learning about government assistance programs for small businesses. Business.gov is managed by the U.S. Small Business Administration in partnership with 21 federal agencies and is part of the President’s Management Agenda.

### **Benefits to Businesses**

Business.gov offers the following benefits to small businesses:

- One-stop shop for accessing forms, guides and interactive tools that help business owners comply with government regulations when starting and managing their operations.
- Reduces businesses’ time and effort by consolidating operating requirements (e.g. licensing, filing taxes, managing employers, etc.) onto one website and offering a number of ways to help business understand which requirements apply to them, how to comply, and how to stay in compliance.
- Minimizes business expenses in the form of time savings or cost avoidance.

### **Features of Business.gov**

- Resource guides, feature articles and educational materials that describe legal and regulatory requirements for small business owners, and cover all major areas of business operations.
- State and Local resource guides that help entrepreneurs and business owners find information about starting and managing a business in their community.
- Unique, Google-based small business search engine that provides access to federal, state and local resources, programs, and services.
- A comprehensive catalog of federal government forms.
- Directory of knowledgeable government contacts that offer in-person assistance to help you comply with legal and regulatory requirements.
- Links to “how to” information for starting, financing and managing a small business.

### **Future Enhancements**

- Featured content focused on “Green Business” and energy efficiency
- Guides targeted to specific business types (e.g. restaurants, cleaning businesses, etc.)
- Enhanced search features, including suggested/recommended searches