

Idaho's Entrepreneur Ecosystem 2017

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I. Business Planning

Jannus Economic Opportunity

Provides business development, credit building, and lending services.

Founder Institute

Provides early-stage and aspiring entrepreneurs with structure, training, and mentor support through a rigorous curriculum.

Small Business Development Center

A statewide, university-based organization which provides guidance in developing and growing successful businesses.

Treasure Valley SCORE

Provides free confidential business advice from expert advisors.

US Small Business Administration

Helps start, build, and grow businesses with financing, development, and advocacy.

Zions Bank Business Resource Center

Helps develop strategies and provides guidance on business, marketing, sales, financing, growth, and more.

II. Events & Networking

1 Million Cups Kauffman Foundation

A free national program to educate, engage, and connect entrepreneurs.

Boise Code Camp*

Free technical event for developers, hardware geeks, and more to learn from peers.

BSU Venture College

A go-to place for interesting, inspiring, and educational events. We bring in amazing guest speakers monthly. Have ridiculously fun open houses with delicious food, and teach actionable workshops to help you further educate yourself outside of the classroom.

Boise Tech Mall

A one of a kind establishment, housing 30 different innovative companies and services dedicated to the residents and businesses of the greater Boise area.

Boise/Sun Valley Keiretsu Forum*

Monthly forums featuring one local Idaho company, and four other companies with 25-minute presentations (with Q&A), plus 2-3 update presentations from past presenting companies.

Boise Young Professionals

A collection of entrepreneurs, nonprofit workers, bankers, attorneys, engineers, artists, and more who look to make a difference in the community, establish business and social connections, and develop career skills.

Buy Idaho

A membership based organization promoting Idaho products and services as well as networking and promotional opportunities for the Idaho business community.

Develop.Idaho*

Industry-led conference to promote and support the Idaho software community.

Girls in Tech

Global non-profit focused on the engagement, education, and empowerment of women passionate about technology.

Hackfort*

Digital humanities conference that brings independent creators, tech innovators, and those passionate about tech culture together to trade new ideas and experiences.

Idaho Entrepreneur Challenge*

College teams compete to develop a sustainable idea with a venture implementation plan.

Idaho Technology Council

Helps Idaho technology companies start, grow, and thrive.

*Events

II. Events & Networking

Nampa Entrepreneurs Organized

The group aspires to engage entrepreneurs to learn and grow by offering valuable resources in the form of networking and educational events, mentoring programs, technical assistance, resources and marketing.

New Ventures Lab

Uses the Lean Startup processes to help individuals and groups to discover and launch their business. Along with our "coaching" we provide "connections" to other resources (people, money, facilities, equipment, etc.) necessary to improve your chances of success.

Small Business Development Center Accelerator

Helps emerging companies rapidly grow by offering one-on-one business consulting and innovative programs.

Startup Grind

Global startup community designed to educate, inspire, and connect entrepreneurs.

Trailhead

Dedicated to giving entrepreneurs access to the tools and connections they need to build something with impact.

Wayne Brown Institute/Venturecapital.org

Offering cutting edge educational programs, premier pitch events, and empowering a powerful Cooperative Venturing® network of venture professionals who are actively engaged in advancing the entrepreneur.

Zions Bank Business Resource Center

Learn how to plan and develop strategies for success with marketing, sales, financing, growth, and more in monthly workshops.

III. Formalizing

City of Boise Start Your Business Tool

Guides you through the City of Boise licensing and permitting process to open your new business.

Idaho Biz Help

Wizards, essential resources, and more to start or grow your small business.

Nonprofits & Business Startups Legal Clinic

Advice from legal experts about starting a business, considerations, and more at the Boise Public Library.

Secretary of State

Provides forms, resources, and more to assist business activity.

Small Business Legal Clinic

Third year UI Law students will work with clients on assignments involving the formation of an appropriate business entity, preparation and review of confidentiality and employment agreements, review of commercial leases, and trademark prosecution, among other topics.

Tax.Idaho.gov

Provides resources to apply for permits, update business information, and more.

IV. Funding

Alaska Growth Capital

Provides business and finance consulting, business loans, and new market tax credits.

Boise Angel Alliance

An opportunity for angel investors to convene, share best practices, and gain access to educational programming.

Capital Matrix

A private, non-profit corporation licensed to administer the SBA 504 loan program.

Economic Development District Region III

Offers small business loans where traditional bank financing is difficult to obtain.

Jannus

Brings people together to change lives with programs in community health, public policy and economic opportunity.

Boise/Sun Valley Keiretsu Forum

A global investment community of accredited private equity angel investors, venture capitalists and corporate/institutional investors.

Montana and Idaho Community Development Corporation

Provides financing and consulting services that transform the lives of individuals and strengthen community prosperity.

Small Business Administration

Helping Americans start, build, and grow businesses.

Small Business Credit Initiative/Idaho Housing & Finance

This program places pledged cash deposits with lending institutions to enhance the collateral of qualified small business borrowers who would not otherwise be able to obtain financing.

Zions Bank

Helps you find answers and resources, develop strategies, solve problems, and get guidance with business, marketing, sales, financing, management, growth opportunities, and more.

Boise Public Library

Print a 3D prototype, enhance your tech and design skills, or test your program with the BoiseCodes resources available at the library.

Copyright.gov

Offers services and support to authors and users of creative works.

UI Food Technology Center

Provides a multi-use facility where individuals and food companies can receive comprehensive business, technical and educational assistance to develop or improve their food business.

Intermountain 3D

Brings commercial 3D printing capabilities to manufacturers, product designers and entrepreneurs.

Meridian Library unbound

Gives mid-valley residents access to the equipment and instruction for you to Make, Learn, and Design on your own, with special focus on supporting entrepreneurs and small business owners.

United States Patent and Trademark Office

A mechanism that protects new ideas and investments in innovation and creativity,

TechHelp

Manufacturing Specialists helping Idaho manufacturers, food processors and inventors/entrepreneurs improve their competitiveness through continuous product and process innovation.

VI. Research

Boise Public Library

Save money and conduct in-depth market research using the library's many online business resources including Mintel, Reference USA, First Research, and more.

Gem State Prospector

Discover the Gem State and make sound decisions through comprehensive data.

Lynda.com

Learn a new skill online, on your time, with over 5,700 courses in business, technology, and creative skills taught by industry experts. Check with your local library to save on subscription fees!

Meridian Library unBound

Browse the business collection designed with local entrepreneur's in mind for up-to-date industry information at the unBound branch.

VII. Space

Boise Business Accelerator

Offering everything from industrial space to finished office space, one-on-one business consulting, and innovative programs aimed at giving companies the right resources at the right time at a convenient Boise location.

Boise Hub

Provides our residents with a home that promotes collaboration and affords the flexibility for freedom and self-direction. Our facilities include private office space and co-share workstations through Collabortank.

City of Boise Downtown Occupancy Assistance Program

Helps business owners who want to open, renovate, or relocate in downtown Boise navigate the City's permit process, understand required permits and inspections, and identify potential issues.

Intelligent Office

Customize packages that offer virtual receptionist services, executive office suites, and conference room rentals.

Key Business Center

Conveniently located in downtown Boise with a wide range of services from mail boxes to executive suites.

Libraries

Easy to reserve meeting spaces at no or little charge, located conveniently throughout the valley.

Liquid Space

Instant access to private offices, coworking spaces, and boardrooms available by the hour or the day.

Nampa Business Accelerator

Offering everything from industrial space to finished office space, one-on-one business consulting, and innovative programs aimed at giving companies the right resources at the right time at a convenient Nampa location.

New Ventures Lab

a hybrid co-working space and processes intended to help you first discover if your idea is a business and then actually start and grow a successful business.

Regus

Workspaces from full-time offices to hour-long meeting rooms located in Boise, Meridian, and Nampa.

Trailhead

Dedicated to giving entrepreneurs access to the tools and connections they need to build something with impact.