



## Small Business Resources

### Government Resources

<b>Larimer Small Business Development Center</b>	125 S. Howes St., Suite 150 Fort Collins, CO 80521 970.498.9295 <a href="http://www.larimersbdc.org">www.larimersbdc.org</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workshops (for fee)</li> <li>• Free one-on-one consulting</li> <li>• Identification of potential financing</li> <li>• Assists in networking with local, state, and federal resources</li> <li>• Free E - learning videos</li> </ul>
<b>Loveland Center For Business Development</b>	5400 Stone Creek Circle Loveland, CO 80538 970.667.4106 <a href="http://www.lovelandcenterforbiz.org">www.lovelandcenterforbiz.org</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 hours of free counseling per year</li> <li>• Low cost workshops</li> <li>• Identifying potential financing and loan prep</li> <li>• Access to local, state and federal resources</li> <li>• Networking opportunities</li> </ul>
<b>Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade</b>	303.892.3840 <a href="http://www.advancecolorado.com">www.advancecolorado.com</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides general information to assist in setting up and operating a small business including:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Legal structure and registration</li> <li>❖ Income, property, and sales tax</li> <li>❖ Employer responsibilities</li> <li>❖ Financing options</li> <li>❖ Creating a business plan</li> <li>❖ Trademarks/copyrighted/patents</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Unites States Small Business Administration</b>	1.800.827.5722 <a href="http://www.sba.gov">www.sba.gov</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free small business startup kit</li> <li>• Business plan basics</li> <li>• Marketing research and plan</li> <li>• Competitive analysis</li> <li>• E-marketing</li> <li>• Financing information</li> <li>• Counseling resources</li> <li>• Library and resources</li> </ul>
<b>State of Colorado Business Express</b>	<a href="http://www.colorado.gov/cbe">www.colorado.gov/cbe</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online custom resource guide</li> <li>• Resource toolbox for online services with the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, Colorado Department of Revenue, Colorado Secretary of State office, Office of Economic Development and International Trade and the Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies</li> </ul>
<b>Colorado Enterprise Fund (CEF)</b>	<a href="http://www.coloradoenterprisefund.org">www.coloradoenterprisefund.org</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A non-profit community development financial institution providing small business loans up to \$150, 000 to entrepreneurs unable to get financing from traditional sources.</li> </ul>



## Northern Colorado Resources

<p><b>Chamber of Commerce</b></p>	<p><b>Fort Collins</b> 225 South Meldrum St. Fort Collins, CO 80521 970.482.3746 www.fcchamber.org</p> <p><b>Loveland</b> 5400 Stone Creek Circle Loveland, CO 80538 970.667.6311 www.loveland.org</p>	<p>A Chamber of Commerce is a local organization of businesses whose goal is to further the interest of businesses. It is helpful to join your local Chamber to network with other businesses and to participate in Chamber functions.</p>
<p><b>Fort Collins Downtown Development Authority</b></p>	<p>19 Old Town Square Fort Collins, CO 80524 970.484.2020 www.downtownfortcollins.org</p>	<p>The Downtown Development Authority builds public-private investment [partnerships that foster economic, cultural, and social growth in the Fort Collins central business district.</p>
<p><b>Fort Collins Downtown Business Association</b></p>	<p>19 Old Town Square Fort Collins, CO 80524 970.484.6500 www.downtownfortcollins.com</p>	<p>The Downtown Business Association, a non-profit corporation, is organized to promote the business of downtown Fort Collins, Colorado. Membership in the DBA shows support for the downtown community, and gives businesses the chance to highlight their offerings through the many downtown promotions scheduled throughout the year.</p>
<p><b>Poudre River Library District Business and Finance</b></p>	<p>201 Peterson St. Fort Collins, CO 80524 970.221.6740 www.poudrelibraries.org</p>	<p>Library card holders can access powerful databases (for free) for market research and business plan development.</p>
<p><b>City of Fort Collins Financial Sales and Use Tax</b></p>	<p>215 N. Mason St. Fort Collins, CO 80524 970.221.6780 www.fcgov.com/salestax</p>	
<p><b>Larimer County Sales Tax Information</b></p>	<p>200 W Oak St., Suite 4000 Fort Collins, CO 80521 970.498.5930 www.larimer.org/finance/salestax.htm</p>	
<p><b>Larimer County Building Permits and Inspections</b></p>	<p>200 W Oak St., Suite 3100 Fort Collins, CO 80522 970.498.7700 www.larimer.org/building</p>	
<p><b>Northern Colorado Economic Development Corporation (NCEDC)</b></p>	<p>3553 Clydesdale Pkwy, Suite 230 Loveland, CO 80538 970.667.0905 www.ncedc.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Real estate solutions</li> <li>• Market research/intelligence</li> <li>• Workforce analysis and recruitment</li> <li>• Financial options/Incentive negotiations</li> <li>• Expedited development/permitting approval</li> <li>• Vendor/supplier support</li> <li>• Local industry and community interviews</li> <li>• New company transition in to the community</li> <li>• Liaison to federal, state and local governments</li> <li>• Community tours/employee transferee assistance</li> <li>• PR/announcement coordination</li> </ul>

## Education & Training

<b>Colorado State University Division of Continuing Education</b>	Colorado State University 2445 Research Blvd Fort Collins, CO 80526 970.491.5288 <a href="http://www.online.colostate.edu">www.online.colostate.edu</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Core Business Competencies – online certificate program (credit-bearing; Undergrad level)</li> <li>• Non-credit education: Courses to support individuals seeking to start their own business including:                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Starting your own business</li> <li>❖ Financing your own business</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Colorado State University College of Business Entrepreneur Center</b>	877.491.4336 <a href="http://www.biz.colostate.edu">www.biz.colostate.edu</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Degree programs</li> <li>• Community events and speakers</li> </ul>

## Networking

<b>Rocky Mountain Innosphere</b>	320 E Vine Dr., Suite 101 Fort Collins, CO 80524 970.221.1301 <a href="http://www.rmi2.org">www.rmi2.org</a>	Provides support to entrepreneurial startup companies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assistance with raising capital</li> <li>• Help in assembling solid management teams</li> <li>• Access and connections with academic and government institutions</li> <li>• A network of advisors and mentors</li> <li>• Discounted and professional service providers</li> <li>• Educational and networking opportunities</li> </ul>
<b>Northern Colorado Rockies Ventures Club</b>	<a href="http://www.rockiesventureclub.org">www.rockiesventureclub.org</a>	The Northern Colorado Rockies Venture Club (NCRVC) is a branch of the Rockies Venture Club (RVC), the regions premier entrepreneurial networking organization, RVC's mission is to provide a forum where entrepreneurs can network with funding sources and service providers.

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