



Resources for Launching a Business

Please consider using any of the following technical support resources to help you successfully start and grow your business. Most of these resources are **FREE** and these government and nonprofit organizations exist solely to help you succeed.

BUSINESS COACHING & INCUBATORS

Sound Outreach

Specializes in business financing analysis and counseling

(253) 593-2111

SoundOutreach.org

SCORE Tacoma

Online tools such as business plan development and 1:1 business counseling by retired business executives

(855) 685-0166

SCORE.org/Tacoma

Washington Small Business Development Center

No cost, 1:1 confidential business advice on a wide range of subjects such as finance, market analysis, e-commerce and more

(833) 492-7232

WSBDC.org

Veterans Business Outreach Center

Business support and resources for active-duty service members and veterans. Hours by appointment at their Tacoma location.

(206) 324-4430

BusinessImpactNW.org/veterans-business-outreach-center

Washington Women's Business Center

In-person mentoring, training, workshops and webinars

(888) 821-6652

BusinessImpactNW.org/WWBC

Washington Minority Business Development Agency

Assists minority and woman-owned businesses with certification, contracting opportunities and training

(253) 591-5239

MBDAWashington.com

Pierce County Business Accelerator

Small business incubator primarily focused on minority and woman-owned entrepreneurs

(253) 798-6150

PCBA.biz

RAIN Incubator

Provides state-of-the-art labs, mentorships and events for entrepreneurs in bio-technology

(253) 720-0943

RainIncubator.org

Spaceworks Tacoma

Incubator and other startup support for entrepreneurs in the creative economy

(253) 682-1740

SpaceworksTacoma.com

Tacoma Maritime Innovation Incubator

Incubator providing mentorships, networking, free office and lab space to entrepreneurs working in clean energy, clean water and logistics

MaritimeBlue.org/tacoma

VIBE – Veterans Incubator for Better Entrepreneurship

Providing business development support for University of Washington Tacoma-enrolled veteran entrepreneurs

(253) 692-5813

Tacoma.UW.edu/vibe

William Factory Incubator

Small business incubator for Tacoma-Pierce County entrepreneurs

(253) 722-5800

WilliamFactory.com

SITE/BUILDING PRE-ACQUISITION SUPPORT, CITY BUSINESS SUPPORT

City of Tacoma Community & Economic Development

(253) 591-2012

MakeltTacoma.com

PROCUREMENT & CONTRACTING

Washington Procurement Technical Assistance Center ("PTAC")

Specializes in government contracting and bidding opportunities

WashingtonPTAC.org

LEGAL COUNSEL

Communities-Rise

Pro bono legal support with business entity formation, maintenance and compliance with state and federal law, contracts, real estate contracts, tax, employment, intellectual property and privacy (does not include patent-related work), risk and liability assessment

(206) 324-5850

Communities-Rise.org

TAX RESOURCES

City of Tacoma Finance

Apply for a business license and find resources about B&O tax

(253) 591-5252

CityofTacoma.org/taxandlicense

Washington State Department of Revenue

Free workshops in multiple languages as well as online tutorials

(253) 382-2000

DOR.WA.Gov/workshops-education

LABOR

Washington Department of Labor & Industries

Free workshops, events, and webinars for employers
(253) 596-3800

LNI.WA.Gov/workshops-training

TACOMA LAND, SITE & BUILDING PERMITS

City of Tacoma Planning & Development Services

Find contact information, maps, and regulatory tip sheets at:

TacomaPermits.org

SITE SEARCH

Invest Pierce County

Search for available real estate

InvestPierceCounty.com

**For financial resources,
please visit:**

MakeltTacoma.com/businessresources/financing

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