ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AND CONTACTS

Transportation

Freedom Shuttle

Freedom Shuttle offers a variety of transportation services throughout the Boise, ID area.

Commuteride

Commute options through education, rideshare services, and effective partnerships.

Valley Regional Transit

Public Transportation in the Treasure Valley. (208) 345-7433 - **Open until 6** valleyregionaltransit.org/

Harvest Transit

Harvest Transit by Harvest Church Meridian is a free transportation service giving opportunity for seniors & disabled residents of Meridian. Pick up from house & travel to any location within boundaries.

(208)343-4414 - **Open until 3** harvestransit.com

Department of Health and Welfare

Financial & food assistance, Medicaid & health, Children & families healthandwelfare.idaho.gov

Idaho Department of Labor

Resources you need to learn and adhere to applicable pay, safety and health, and nondiscrimination requirements. dol.gov

Business Organizations

SBA - Small Business Administration

The U.S. Small Business Administration helps entrepreneurs start, build, and grow businesses through loans, contracts, counseling sessions, classes, and more. Irene Gonzalez | Economic Development Specialist *Irene.gonzalez@sba.gov* (208) 836-0104

Idaho Commerce

The Business Resource Center is here to help you find answers and resources, develop strategies, solve problems and get guidance with business, marketing, sales, financing, management, growth opportunities and more. **Karen Appelgren** | VP / Director of Business Resource Center <u>Karen.Appelgren@zionsbank.com</u> <u>brc.zionsbank.com</u>

SBDC - Small Business Development Center

Statewide, university-based organization which provides guidance in developing and growing a successful business. idahosbdc.org/

Idaho Women's Business Center

Funding, Professional Services, and Connections for women, startups, and entrepreneurs. Diane Bevan | Executive Director idahowomen.org/

SCORE

SCORE mentoring is a free service offered to any aspiring or established owners of a U.S.based business. www.score.org

Chambers & Associations

Meridian Chamber of Commerce

Sean Evans | CEO sean.evans@meridianchamber.org (208) 577-2440 www.meridianchamber.org

Black Community Alliance

BCA offers training and advising, technical assistance and connections for black owned businesses to help them recover and thrive. https://www.idahobca.com/

Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

A State-Wide Chamber Serving the Hispanic Community of Idaho. www.idahohcc.net/

Veterans Chamber of Commerce

Deeply rooted within Idaho and Military communities through collaboration and connection. www.idahoveterans.org



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LIBRARY RESOURCES

Meridian, II

Research Tools

Reference Solutions

Reference Solutions, formerly Reference USA, is your premier business information resource. Search historical business records, new businesses, learn about consumer trends and research, and search jobs and internships throughout the U.S.

Value Line

With 130 stocks updated weekly, this resource contains investment research information on over 1,700 larger stocks across ninety industries.

Small Business Reference

Information on small business and entrepreneurial subject areas, common business types, help and advice, and information for creating business plans.

Digital Collection

Libby

eBooks and eAudiobooks to stream in your browser or download to your mobile devices.

Ida App

Search the library catalog, put items on hold, manage your library account, check out items on your phone when inside a library location. Meridian Library offers a variety of services, tools, and databases to assist and support businesses in Idaho.

Databases

Business Source Premier

Find content from journals covering all areas of business including marketing, management, accounting, finance, and economics. Includes company profiles with SWOT analyses.

Learning Express

This resource includes modules on computer skills, standardized test prep (ACT, SAT, GED), vocational certification, U.S. citizenship, and more. Use an email address to create a free account and start learning today.

Gale Business Databases

Search our different Gale Databases for Demographics, Legal Forms and Business Plan Builders. Advance your business and access hundreds of different legal forms.



More Business & Nonprofit Resources!

Services

Technology Help

Limited access to public computers available at Cherry Lane and Silverstone. For technology help requests, email help@mld.org

Business Help

Assistance with consumer and market research, navigating databases, and more. Email unbound@mld.org

MakerSpace

3D Printing, Laser Engravers, CNC Machine, Cricuts, Adobe Suite, Large Format Printing

Sound Studio/Meeting Spaces

Free for the first hour. \$15/hour after

Locations

Cherry Lane 1326 Cherry Lane

Orchard Park 1268 W Orch Pk Dr

Silverstone 3531 E Overland Rd

unBound 722 E 2nd Street, ID

Tiny Library 5159 S Hillsdale Ave

Outreach outreach@mld.org

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COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Meridian, ID

Find information about special licenses. permits, or taxes that may apply to your business.



Events and Spaces

JUMP Jacks Urban Meeting Space. Event Center.

IBL Events Virtual and In-Person Events for businesses. www.iblevents.com/

Trailhead Co-working space and events for new businesses. www.trailheadboise.org

Kiln Shared office and event space. https://kiln.com/communities/ meridian/

City of Meridian

Clerk's Office

Chris Johnson | City Clerk cjohnson@meridiancity.org (208) 888-4433

Adrienne Weatherly | Deputy City Clerk aweatherly@meridiancity.org (208) 888-4433

Licensing and Permits meridiancity.org/clerk/temporaryuse

Daniel Torres | Economic Development dtorres@meridiancity.org (208) 489-0537

Mayor's Office

Robert Simison | Mayor rsimison@meridiancity.org (208) 489-0530

Dave Miles | Chief of Staff dmiles@meridiancity.org (208) 489-0532

Stephany Galbreaith Communications Manager sgalbreaith@meridiancity.org (208) 489-0538

Jacob Cluff | Community Relations jcluff@meridiancity.org (208) 489-0532

Local News

BoiseDev

Don Day don@boisedev.com www.boisedev.com

Meridian Press newsroom@idhaopress.com www.idahopress.com/meridian/

Idaho Business Review

news@idahobusinessreview.com www.idahobusinessreview.com

Community **Development**

Caleb Hood | Planning Division Manager Chood@meridiancity.org (208) 884-5533 Ext: 1572

Brian McClure | Comprehensive Associate Planner bmcclure@meridiancity.org (208) 884-5533 Ext: 1579

Jaime Del Barrio Volunteer Opportunities jdelbarrio@meridiancity.org (208) 489-0562

Economic Development

economic_development@meridian city.org (208) 888-6678

Sam Zahorka | Building Official szahorka@meridiancity.org (208) 887-2211

Parks and Recreation

recreation@meridiancity.org (208) 888-3579

Public Works

publicworks@meridiancity.org 208-898-5500 meridiancity.org/public-works/

Republic Services

trashtalk@meridiancity.org (208) 345-1265

COMPASS

The Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) is the forum for regional collaboration in southwest Idaho that helps maintain a healthy and economically vibrant region, offering people choices in how and where they live, work, play, and travel. 208.855.2558 www.compassidaho.org/

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