

## **Inventor Resources**

## Wisconsin

**BizStarts:** This organization provides structured guidance for small businesses, startups and entrepreneurs which includes mentoring, coaching and classes. <u>BizStarts.com</u>

**Inventors and Entrepreneurs Club**: Meet others with great business ideas and inventions that have been in your shoes and understand how to keep moving forward to commercialize a great idea.

*Vernon Economic Development Association*. For more information contact by phone: 608-638-8332. <u>Veda-wi.org/inventors\_club.html</u>

*Juneau County*. For more information contact at 608-427-2070 or e-mail <u>twhipple@juneaucounty.com</u>. <u>http://www.juneaucounty.com/inventors--entrepreneurs-club.html</u>

**Marquette Law and Entrepreneurship Clinic:** a clinical program at Marquette University Law School. It operates as an independent law office staffed by LEC Director <u>Nathan Hammons</u> and law students. <u>https://law.marquette.edu/community/marquette-law-and-entrepreneurship-clinic</u>

**Milwaukee Public Library (Central)**: MPL is a designated Patent and Trademark Resource Center by the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). The library offers quarterly classes on prior art searching and the Business and Technology Room offers many other events and educational opportunities for startups and small business. <u>Mpl.org/hours locations/business technology.php</u>

**SCORE:** Counselors to America's Small Business is an affiliate of the Small Business Administration. Most SCORE chapters offer classes and mentoring by business executives. <u>sewisconsin.score.org</u>, <u>centralwisconsin.score.org</u>, <u>foxcities.score.org</u>, <u>Madison.score.org</u>.

**Small Business Development Center at UW-Milwaukee:** The Wisconsin Small Business Development Center is a statewide network supporting entrepreneurs and business owners through no-cost, confidential consulting and targeted educational programs. Regional SBDC experts facilitate improvement and growth for small and emerging mid-sized companies and help launch successful new enterprises. https://uwm.edu/sce/program\_area/small-business-development-center/

**Lubar Center for Entrepreneurship at UW-Milwaukee:** The center offers programming, workshops and networking opportunities to anyone who wants to make positive change in their community. <u>https://uwm.edu/lubar-entrepreneurship-center/</u>

**State Bar of Wisconsin:** Small Business Assistance - new initiative to provide eligible individuals and organizations with free non-litigation business law services they could not otherwise afford, especially on urgent legal needs arising in the wake COVID-19. Eligible participants can receive brief assistance on a wide variety of business law matters including: Finance and lending; Insurance claims/coverage; Commercial leases and contracts; Tax; Labor and employment; Real estate; Commercial debtor/creditor; Regulatory compliance, including privacy and COVID-19 related requirements.

https://www.wisbar.org/forPublic/INeedaLawyer/Pages/Small-Business-Assistance.aspx

**University of Wisconsin Madison Law and Entrepreneurship Clinic:** Free legal services for startup businesses throughout the state of Wisconsin. <u>https://uwle.org/</u>

**Wisconsin Innovation Service Center, UW Whitewater (WISC)**:. Serving small business owners, entrepreneurs, and inventors, WISC connects you with the resources of the College of Business and Economics at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, the largest business college in Wisconsin, with project rates scaled for small business budgets. <u>Uww.edu/wisc</u>

**Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Corporation (WWBIC):** assists individuals who are interested in starting, strengthening or expanding businesses by providing direct lending, quality business and financial capability education and one-on-one technical business assistance. Services are open to anyone but the focus is on women, minorities and people of lower wealth – those most likely to face barriers in accessing financing or educational support. <u>https://www.wwbic.com/</u>