<u>Small Business Administration</u>: is a government agency that provides support to entrepreneurs and small businesses. SBA can help facilitate a loan for you with a third party lender, guarantee a bond, or help you find venture capital.

<u>Women's Business Resource Centers</u>: is the SBA's department of information for women starting a business.

<u>State of Kansas</u>: the official website of the State of Kansas that provides resources and services for businesses and residents.

<u>Network Kansas</u>: a statewide network of non-profit business-building resources that help entrepreneurs and small business wonders' startup and grow successful businesses.

<u>wKREDA</u>: supports rural development in western Kansas through Business Development, Government Affairs, Education and Public Relations committees.

<u>Northwest Kansas Economic Innovation Center</u>: they focus primarily on reversing the population drain, increasing economic opportunities, and strengthening critical community services in the 26 most northwest counties in Kansas.

<u>SCORE Business Resource Center</u>: a nonprofit association dedicated to helping small businesses get off the ground, grown and achieve their goals through education and mentorship.

<u>Kansas Angel Investors</u>: program administered by the Kansas Department of Commerce and designed to bring together accredited angel investors with qualified Kansas companies seeking seed and early stage investment.

<u>Kansas Association of Certified Development Companies</u>: helps businesses access the numerous loan programs available from a variety of sources.

<u>Kansas Department of Commerce</u>: offers business-oriented programs and services for entrepreneurs and business owners in Kansas.

<u>Kansas Office of the Secretary of State</u>: provides a number of online services to assist Kansas businesses in meeting their ongoing reporting requirements.

<u>Kansas Department of Agriculture- Division of Food Safety:</u> promotes public safety by regulating the production and sale of food products in Kansas. Good establishments and processors are required to obtain a license through this department.

<u>Kansas Department of Agriculture – Division of Animal Health</u>: administers the Disease Control, Animal Facilities and Inspections and Brands programs, all of which work to ensure the health and welfare of Kansas livestock and domestic animals.

<u>Kansas Department of Transportation</u>: offers commercial vehicle information and permits.

<u>Kansas Department of Children and Families</u>: protect children, promote healthy families and encourage personal responsibility. Child care businesses need to obtain a license form this department in order to operate.

<u>Kansas Building Industry Association</u>: is the trade and professional association of the home building industry in Kansas.

<u>Kansas Contractors Association</u>: is a professional association of contractors and those who provide supplies and services to the heavy, highway and utility construction industry.

Kansas Bankers Association: the state bankers association's website.

<u>Kansas County Treasurer's Association</u>: is statewide formed for the purpose building a uniform system of keeping accounts in the office of the County Treasurer in the counties of the State of Kansas.

<u>U.S. Business</u>: offers information about the steps to follow to start a small business, get financing help from the government, among other topics.

<u>USDA Rural Development</u>: offers programs intended to improve the economy and quality of life in rural America.

U.S. Department of Commerce: is the department concerned with promoting economic growth.

<u>U.S. Patent & Trademark Office</u>: is the federal agency for granting U.S. patents and registering trademarks.

<u>U.S. Census Bureau</u>: American Fact Finder. Index of data provided by the US Census Bureau, including population, ethnic, divorce, economic, poverty, and migration statistics.

The U.S. Department of Education/Institute of Education Sciences' Small Business Innovation Research: this program provides up to \$1,050,000 in funding to small businesses and partners for research and development to translate their innovative ideas into commercial products that address educational problems.

<u>U.S. State Department's Office of Commercial and Business Affairs (CBA):</u> their mission is to engage U.S. government resources to assist and advocate for U.S. business interest abroad, strengthen intellectual property enforcement, promote a vibrant ecosystem for entrepreneurship and innovation, and ensure U.S. private sector concerns that are integrated into our foreign and economic policy.

<u>National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB)</u>: is the largest small business association in the country.

<u>National Association of Woman Business Owners (NAWBO)</u>: is an organization that has the purpose of networking women-owned businesses to provide mutual support, share resources, and provide a single voice to help shape economic and public policy.