

## Resources for Small Businesses and Entrepreneurs

[www.OKstartup.com](http://www.OKstartup.com) - You'll find everything you need to start, run, and expand a small business. Resources include a guide to financial assistance; a step-by-step guide to developing a business plan; a business licensing system, which tells you which licenses you need to open and operate and where to find the necessary applications; a list of state-certified business incubators; information on how to certify a minority- or woman-owned business; and details on small business health care assistance.

[www.OKcommerce.gov/stimulus](http://www.OKcommerce.gov/stimulus) - The 2009 Recovery Act provides various new loans, grants, bond programs, and tax credits and incentives for Oklahoma businesses. You'll find brief descriptions of these opportunities and contact information for more detail and applications. Other good Recovery Act sources are: [www.ok.gov/recovery](http://www.ok.gov/recovery), [www.recovery.gov](http://www.recovery.gov), [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov), and [www.fedbizopps.gov](http://www.fedbizopps.gov).

**Customized, One-to-One Assistance** - The Oklahoma Department of Commerce Business Solutions division can help entrepreneurs and small business owners navigate the business licensing process, become certified as women-owned or minority-owned businesses, find the right combination of business incentives and tax credits, connect with health insurance assistance programs, find a facility at one of the state's business incubators, and much more.

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**OCAST** - the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology ([www.ok.gov/ocast](http://www.ok.gov/ocast)) is the state's only agency focused solely on technology—its development, transfer, and commercialization. OCAST uses state appropriations and partners with the private sector, higher education, CareerTech ([www.okcareertech.org](http://www.okcareertech.org)), and Commerce to provide support services and funds to help the state's technology entrepreneurs take their ideas from concept to commercialization.

OCAST offers a suite of programs designed to support the development of new technology from concept to commercialization and beyond. Technology commercialization programs include the Oklahoma Technology Commercialization Center (OTCC) managed by i2E, and the Oklahoma Inventors Assistance Service managed by Oklahoma State University.

**i2E** – i2E ([www.i2E.org](http://www.i2E.org)), a not-for-profit Oklahoma corporation, is under contract to OCAST to help the state's technology entrepreneurs develop businesses and access start-up capital.