

SUPPLIER DIVERSITY PROGRAM

COVID-19: Resources for small and diversity businesses

Vizient is committed to caring for the health and well-being of our staff, members and suppliers. Amid the dynamic and uncertain time our nation is experiencing as we respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, Vizient has compiled this list of COVID-19 business resources as a reference for small and diversity businesses. Note that the list is not exhaustive and will be updated periodically.

General information

- Learn about [Vizient's response to COVID-19](#)
- Learn about the Vizient [Supplier Diversity Program](#)
- Read below about the latest business resources being made available addressing the COVID-19 health crisis here in North America.
 - [US Government Response to Coronavirus, COVID-19](#)
 - FAQ from NBC News addressing [What the New Coronavirus Relief Bill Means for You](#)
 - [US legislation efforts](#)

COVID-19 Small Business Administration (SBA) Resources

- [COVID-19 Small Business Guidance and Loan Resources](#)
- [SBA Disaster Assistance](#)
- [SBA Local Assistance](#)
- [NEW: The SBA has updated the criteria for states requesting disaster loans for small businesses impacted by COVID-19](#) to allow for a faster, easier qualification process.
- [National webinar/townhall](#) with SBA Administrator Jovita Carranza: How Can MBEs Survive the Impact of COVID-19
- [Briefing](#) with SBA Administrator, Office of Disaster Assistance, and SBR CEO Roundtable

COVID Loan Tracker

[COVID Loan Tracker](#): Small business resource to track PPP loan applications

NGO/Other Business Resources helping COVID-19

- [NMSDC](#): COVID-19 Virtual Town Halls
- [WBENC](#): COVID-19 Resources for Woman-Owned Businesses
- [NGLCC](#): NGLCC Guidance for Businesses and Employers to Plan and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

- **WEConnect**: The COVID-19 Pandemic Highlights the Need for Increased Supplier Diversity
- **CAMSC**: Canada's COVID-19 Economic Response Plan
- **CDC**: Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers
- **Score**: Small Business Disaster Preparedness Resources
- **U.S. Chamber of Commerce**: Combating the Coronavirus
- **FEMA**: Emergency Business Continuity Plan (PDF)
- **WIPP**: Policy Updates & Business Resources from Women Impacting Public Policy
- **ICIC/ICCC**: Small Business Resources Center for COVID-19
- **Dallas Chamber of Commerce**: Small Business Resource
- **ChicagoMSDC**: COVID relief fund
- **Project N95** is the national clearinghouse for personal protective equipment for medical workers – like gowns, gloves and masks. Hospitals report what supplies they need and suppliers report what supplies they have. If you are a diverse supplier with medical supplies and equipment, submit here to help connect with hospitals in need.

Regional WBENC partners

Many Women's Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC) Regional Partner Organizations (RPOs) are gathering additional information on resources and opportunities specific to each state and region.

- **CWE** (N. Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont)
- **GLWBC** (Indiana, Michigan)
- **GWBC** (Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina)
- **WBDC-Midwest** (Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North & South Dakota, Wisconsin)
- **WBCS** (Arkansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, North Texas)
- **WBEA** (South Texas)
- **WBEC-East** (Delaware, South New Jersey, Pennsylvania)
- **WBEC Florida** (Florida, with the exception of the Panhandle, Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands)
- **WBEC-ORV** (Kentucky, Ohio, West Virginia)
- **WBEC-Pacific** (Alaska, Northern California, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington)
- **WBEC South** (Alabama, Florida Panhandle, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee)
- **WBEC-West** (Arizona, Southern California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, Guam)
- **WPEO-DC** (District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia)
- **WPEO-NY** (South Connecticut, North New Jersey, New York State)

Additional Financial Resources

New refundable payroll tax credits

The U.S. Treasury Department, Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and the U.S. Department of Labor (Labor) announced that small and midsize employers can begin taking advantage of [two new refundable payroll tax credits](#), designed to immediately and fully reimburse them, dollar-for-dollar, for the cost of providing Coronavirus-related leave to their employees.

Facebook Small Business Grants Program

Facebook is offering \$100 million in cash grants and ad credits for up to 30,000 eligible small businesses in over 30 countries in which it operates. More information will be available in the coming weeks, but [sign up for updates](#) to be the first to know.

PwC COVID-19 navigator tool

PwC's team of specialists collaborated to create a [digital assessment](#) to help you understand the potential impact of COVID-19 to your business and gauge your readiness to respond.

UPS immediate fulfillment help for eCommerce businesses

For small and mid-sized businesses with an immediate need of fulfillment alternatives, UPS has flexible solutions that provide fast signup, easy on-boarding, and reliable delivery to meet customer needs. A [60-day free trial](#) is available. For larger businesses (200-2,000 daily orders), [Ware2Go](#), a UPS Company, is a flexible, on-demand choice. Ware2Go serves customers who may need to optimize their inventory among multiple locations, and may need multi-mode transport for B2B/B2C shipments. There are no minimums or long-term contracts, and 3 months free receiving and storage are available.

Goldman Sachs

Goldman Sachs has committed \$300 million to support communities and small businesses, including \$250 million in emergency loans to small businesses across the country. [Read the announcement](#) and view their [US Small Business Resource Center](#).

JPMorgan Chase

[JPMorgan Chase](#) is committing \$8 million to assist small business vulnerable to significant economic hardships in the U.S., China and Europe.

Google

Google is giving small businesses worldwide \$340 million in ad credits for Google Ads. Small business who have become active advertisers since the beginning of 2019 will see a credit notification appear in the next few months. [Learn more](#) and visit [Google's resource center for small businesses](#).

US Bank

[US Bank](#) is offering several products and services for small business owners, including reduced rates on quick loans and on-demand credit.

Additional articles and resources

- **FTC:** Watch out for these coronavirus scams.
- **Harvard Business Review:** Lead your business through the coronavirus crisis
- **Gartner:** Respond, manage and prepare for the impact of coronavirus.
- **PwC:** COVID-19: What US business leaders should know.
- **Accenture:** COVID-19 - What to do now, what to do next.
- **EY:** Responding to COVID-19
- **Merrill:** Dealing with volatility: what you need to know.
- **Alice:** COVID-19 Small Business Resource Center
- **Disability:IN:** COVID-19 and the Workforce / Intersections of Coronavirus, Employment and Disability Inclusion.
- **Capital One:** Supporting their Business Community with resources for small and women-owned business
- **12PointFive:** Cash, Community Connections

Information about COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

- **World Health Organization**
- **CDC**