

BUSINESS FORMATION RESOURCE GUIDE

1. **Indiana Secretary of State / INBiz**

This was my starting point for researching Indiana's business filing requirements. Throughout the formation process, I used INBiz to verify my business name, complete my filings electronically, and manage official business records. Post-formation I continue to use INBiz to manage filings and submit required biennial business reports.

<https://inbiz.in.gov/>

2. **Indiana Small Business Development Center (ISBDC)**

One of the most valuable resources I discovered was ISBDC. Through no-cost advising, educational resources, and referrals, the ISBDC provides practical guidance for entrepreneurs at every stage of business ownership, from startup to long-term growth.

<https://isbdc.org/>

3. **U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA)**

Although the SBA doesn't specifically focus on Series LLCs, its guidance on starting, planning, financing, and operating a business proved helpful throughout my research. Many of these resources apply regardless of the legal structure you ultimately choose.

<https://www.sba.gov/>

4. **SCORE (formerly the Service Corps of Retired Executives)**

SCORE connects entrepreneurs with experienced volunteer mentors, educational workshops, and practical business guidance to help start, grow, and strengthen their businesses. Whether you're launching your first business or facing challenges as an established owner, having trusted people to learn from can make a significant difference.

<https://www.score.org/>

5. **IRS EIN Application**

Once your business has been formed and approved by your state, if needed, one of the next steps is applying for an Employer Identification Number (EIN) through the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). Many businesses will need an EIN to open a business bank account, hire employees, and support the separation of business and personal finances. There is no fee to obtain an EIN number directly from the IRS. It serves as an important identifier for tax reporting, banking, and other business activities.

<https://www.irs.gov/businesses/small-businesses-self-employed/get-an-employer-identification-number>

6. Professional Advisors

One lesson I learned throughout my formation journey is that no one person has every answer. I did a lot independently, but a single conversation with the right professional—an attorney, CPA, insurance agent, financial advisor, banker, or consultant—often provided clarity and confidence when navigating unfamiliar territory.

7. Chamber of Commerce

Many local chambers offer networking opportunities, educational programs, community connections, and referrals to trusted service providers. Becoming involved with your local chamber can help you build relationships with other business owners while staying informed about events and resources within your community.

<https://www.chamberofcommerce.com/advice>

8. Industry Associations

Beyond general business resources, look into associations in your specific industry. They often offer education, best practices, and networking that broader resources may not. Because one of the areas of focus for Avram Entities (AE) LLC-S is single-family residential rentals, real estate and property management groups have been especially helpful—but most industries have equivalent organizations worth exploring.

AE related examples include:

[National Association of REALTORS®](https://www.nar.realtor/) ([NAR] <https://www.nar.realtor/>)

[Metropolitan Indianapolis Board of REALTORS®](https://www.mibor.com/) ([MIBOR] <https://www.mibor.com/>)

[National Rental Home Council](https://rentalhomecouncil.org/) ([NRHC] <https://rentalhomecouncil.org/>)

General Business examples include:

[National Federation of Independent Business](https://www.nfib.com/) ([NFIB] <https://www.nfib.com/>)

[National Association of Women Business Owners](https://nawbo.org/) ([NAWBO] <https://nawbo.org/>)

9. Additional Online Resources

These websites were helpful as I learned more about LLC formation and business organization. As always, I encourage you to cross-check details across reputable sources and confirm requirements with your state's filing office.

Educational & Reference Resources:

[LLC University](https://www.llcuniversity.com/) (with Matt Horwitz, <https://www.llcuniversity.com/>)

[LLC.org](https://www.llc.org/) (<https://www.llc.org/>)

[TRUiC](https://truic.com/) (<https://truic.com/>)

Formation & Registered Agent Services:

[Bizee](https://bizee.com/) (formerly incfile, <https://bizee.com/>)

[Northwest Registered Agent](https://www.northwestregisteredagent.com/) (<https://www.northwestregisteredagent.com/>)

[ZenBusiness](https://www.zenbusiness.com/) (<https://www.zenbusiness.com/>)