

## **PRO BONO/DISCOUNT SERVICES FOR SMALL BUSINESSES**

For help accessing pro bono professional services or discounts for small businesses in your area, please visit [Technical Assistance](#).

### **PRO BONO LEGAL SERVICES**

#### **Volunteers of Legal Service (VOLS)**

The VOLS Microenterprise Project provides pro bono legal assistance to New York City's low-income micro entrepreneurs. [Click here](#) for more information. Contact us via [email](#) or call 212-966-4400.

#### **NYS Bar Association (NYSBA)**

NYSBA provides pro-bono legal assistance for small businesses throughout the state. For information on pro-bono assistance, contact the Department of Pro Bono Affairs via [email](#) or call 518-487-5641. NYSBA also provides lawyer referrals. Contact the NYSBA via [email](#) or call 1-800-342-3661 or 518-463-3200.

#### **LawHelp.Org**

LawHelp.Org is a directory of free legal services in New York. [Click here](#) to view service providers alphabetically or by geography. Follow the 'legal aid offices' link.

#### **New York City Bar Association - Neighborhood Entrepreneur Law Project (NELP)**

NELP provides low to mid-income micro-entrepreneurs with the pro bono legal services. NELP's volunteer attorneys guide clients through such matters as incorporation and tax issues, commercial lease negotiations, copyrights, trademarks and patents, and license and permit applications. Volunteer attorneys also offer presentations and legal clinics at community-based organizations on issues of concern to micro-entrepreneurs. [Click here](#) for additional information, or call 212-382-4744.

#### **Legal Aid Society of NYC**

Legal Aid Society's Community Development Project (CDP) provides legal assistance to nonprofit organizations and low-income small businesses throughout the boroughs of New York City. The Project represents qualified new and existing low-income small businesses in matters that include choosing the right legal form for the business, incorporation, tax compliance, securities, real estate, licensing and permits, employment, financing, and corporate governance. [Click here](#) for additional information, or call 212-426-3000.

### **DISCOUNTED HEALTH INSURANCE**

#### **NYS Business Council**

The NYS Business Council, a membership organization of large and small firms, chambers of commerce, and business associations, offers advice on discounted group insurance. The local chambers of commerce frequently provide health insurance discounts and group rates. [Click here](#) for a complete listing of chambers in New York State.

#### **Healthy New York**

Healthy New York is insurance coverage for eligible small businesses, sole proprietors and individuals. The Healthy NY program is designed to assist small business owners in providing their employees and their employees' families with the health insurance they need and deserve. Uninsured sole proprietors and workers whose employers do not provide health insurance may also purchase comprehensive coverage directly through the Healthy NY program. [Click here](#) for information.

**Support Services Alliance [SSA]**

SSA provides a vast array of benefits and assistance to thousands of small businesses and the self-employed across New York. Programs include a strong advocacy program before the state legislature, group insurance purchasing programs for health, life, vision, long term care, and dental; payroll and benefits administration services, a bi-monthly news magazine, and a toll-free help line. [Click here](#) for additional information.

**National Federation of Independent Businesses [NFIB]**

As an NFIB member, you are able to reach out to policymakers, enroll in savings programs, access business resources and network with other small business owners in your community. [Click here](#) for further information.

**ENERGY DISCOUNTS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES:****NYS Energy Research and Development Authority [NYSERDA] –**

New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) is a public benefit corporation. NYSEDA's aim is to help New York meet its energy goals: reducing energy consumption, promoting the use of renewable energy sources, and protecting the environment. [Click here](#) for information on discount energy programs, or contact the Communications unit, NYSEDA, 17 Columbia Circle, Albany, New York 12203-6399; 1-866-NYSERDA or (518) 862-1090.

**Energy Incentives for Businesses**

Funding assistance is available for NYS Electric & Gas [NYSEG], and Rochester Gas & Electric [RG&E] commercial customers who are expanding or starting a new business in New York State. [Click here](#) for information on incentives and funding assistance.