



### **Resources for Inventors**

The following list shows local resources that are available to independent inventors. Obtaining a patent is but one step in profiting from an invention. The following organizations offer assistance with the other steps.

The **Tennessee Small Business Development Center** (TSBDC) is a state organization offering free educational assistance to help business owners start, grow, and develop successful, thriving businesses.

[www.tsbdc.org](http://www.tsbdc.org)

Larry Rossini or Bruce Hayes: 865-246-2663 in the Knoxville area

Chip Bailey: 423-578-6235 at Holston Business Development Center in Kingsport

The **Service Corp of Retired Executives** (SCORE) has a Knoxville office with volunteers available to assist small business owners in developing their business. The national website has good resources for start-up companies.

[www.score.com](http://www.score.com)     [www.scoreknox.org](http://www.scoreknox.org)

865-692-0716 between 8:30am and 1:30pm weekdays except Wednesday

The **Tennessee Technology Development Corporation** (TTDC) is a state organization tasked with fostering and developing technology-based companies.  
[www.TnTechnology.org](http://www.TnTechnology.org)

The **Tennessee Inventors Association** (TIA) meets every third Saturday at Tech2020 in Oak Ridge. Each month the TIA has a speaker offering information useful to the independent inventor.

[www.TnInventors.org](http://www.TnInventors.org)

President: Tom Kulaga: 865-470-4212

865-483-0151 (Igor Alexeff)

**Entrepreneurs of Knoxville** (EoK) is an organization of local businesspersons and entrepreneurs that meets every Wednesday morning at various locations in Knoxville. The EoK has a community website and offers great networking opportunities for those wanting to build a business or looking for assistance.

[www.EoKhq.com](http://www.EoKhq.com)

The **Knoxville Public Library**, downtown branch, has several research librarians that are available for researching and looking up useful information. Such information includes manufacturers and distributors of various types of products, market data, industry trends, and other business reference information. If you need to find out about something, this is a good place to start.

<http://knoxcounty.org/library>

Reference Department: 865-215-8700

Business Reference: 865-215-8722