

**Small Business Administration Resource Guide:**

This guide contains information from the Small Business Administration (SBA) on starting a small business, available training, available financing, financing options, contracting opportunities and other sources of assistance.

(Page 38 gives specific information on the Surety Bond Guarantee Program and a list of Michigan surety companies who participate. See direct link below)

[www.smallbusiness3.com/pdf/english/michigan.pdf](http://www.smallbusiness3.com/pdf/english/michigan.pdf)

**Surety Bond Guarantee Program:**

This program is a public-private partnership between the federal government and the surety industry providing small businesses with the bonding assistance necessary for them to compete for government and private contracting opportunities.

[www.sba.gov/services/financialassistance/suretybond/index.html](http://www.sba.gov/services/financialassistance/suretybond/index.html)

**Small Business Administration (SBA):**

The U.S. Small Business Administration is an independent agency of the federal government to aid, counsel, assist and protect the interests of small business concerns, to preserve free competitive enterprise and to maintain and strengthen the overall economy of our nation. Through an extensive network of field offices and partnerships with the public and private organizations, SBA delivers its services to people throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and Guam.

[www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov)

**Central Contractor Registration (CCR):**

CCR is the primary registrant database for the U.S. Federal Government. The Small Business Administration (SBA) recommends registering with CCR as the SBA uses this database to contact small businesses regarding training opportunities and other important information.

[www.ccr.gov](http://www.ccr.gov)