

Minnesota SBA establishes Small Business “Hot-Link” to assist Minnesota companies.

The U.S. Small Business Administration's Minnesota District Office has launched its first-ever web-based Small Business Hotlink.

Questions will be received at Minneapolis.MN@sba.gov

The move comes in response to concerns raised by the state's small-business owners, who are worried about the volatile national economy and how it will affect their day-to-day operations, said Ed Daum, District Director of the SBA for Minnesota.

The purpose of this hotlink is to give small-business owners a one-stop place to find help with business-related questions. All questions received through the hotlink are confidential. We will make every effort to have questions answered by a member of the SBA staff in Minneapolis or one of SBA's resource partners. Resource partners include SCORE, Counselors to America's Small Business; Small Business Development Center consultants; Women Business Center consultants; and Business Planning Center volunteers.

"This service is about being proactive," Daum said. "In the current climate of economic uncertainty, it is imperative that business owners seek out assistance as soon as they anticipate a need. Through SBA and its resource partners, we can hopefully help them enhance their chances of obtaining necessary advice in a timely manner." The SBA provides financial, management and technical assistance to thousands of small business owners throughout the country.

Other online resources and free online training are available at www.sba.gov.