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## Industry Associations and Resources

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Industry Associations / Resources	
Agency/Phone	Programs and Services
<a href="http://Buzgate.org">Buzgate.org</a> (603) 658-0340	Global resource network for small business
<a href="http://California Chamber of Commerce">California Chamber of Commerce</a> (916) 444-6670	Grow California fosters jobs and wealth creation by connecting innovative entrepreneurs, growth companies and market leaders with capital, talent, academia, customers, and partners
<a href="http://California Small Business Association">California Small Business Association</a> (310) 642-0838	Export helpline available to members, insurance and retirement plans, business advocacy in state and federal government
<a href="http://Connectory">Connectory</a> (619) 258-3670	The Connectory® Network is a nationwide, Web-Based Buyer-Supplier Network that provides: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A unique way to connect with companies and other assets by understanding their capabilities</li> <li>- Powerful means for government, large company, and institutional buyers to identify sources of products, services, technologies, capabilities, and capacities</li> <li>- Detailed capabilities and capacities for companies at every level of the supply chain</li> <li>- Focus on manufacturing/technology companies and their supplier chain including wholesalers/logistics, technical services, construction, agribusiness, and mining</li> <li>- Showcase for tens of thousands of US companies at NO COST to them</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Geocoding and interactive mapping feature for locating assets/resources</li> <li>- Internet speed/powerful search engine combined with in-depth company database</li> <li>- Commitment to usability, coverage, quality, and continual updating distinguishes it from any other available database</li> <li>- IT platform on which Communities of Interest (COI) can segment the Connectory database within Portals, specified by geography, industry, or other COI criteria</li> </ul>
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Source: Buzgate ([www.buzgate.org](http://www.buzgate.org)), California Chamber of Commerce ([www.calchamber.com](http://www.calchamber.com)), California Small Business Association ([www.csba.com](http://www.csba.com)), Connectory ([www.connectory.com](http://www.connectory.com))

**Business-to-Business Networking**

<p>Greater Merced Chamber of Commerce</p> <p>Merced County Chamber of Commerce</p> <p>Merced Hispanic Chamber of Commerce</p>	<p>All 3 Merced Chambers of Commerce areas of service are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Networking and Promotion</li> <li>- Community Promotion</li> <li>- Representing Business Before Government</li> <li>- Business Training</li> <li>- Issue Advocacy</li> </ul>
<p><a href="http://LinkedIn.com">LinkedIn.com</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Business networking and job recruitment website</li> </ul>
<p><a href="#">Ryze Business Networking</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Business networking and job recruitment website</li> <li>- Members get a free networking-oriented home page and can send messages to other members.</li> <li>- They can also join special <a href="#">Networks</a> related to their industry, interests or location.</li> </ul>

Source: LinkedIn ([www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com)), RYZE Business Networking ([www.ryze.com](http://www.ryze.com)) (June 2011)