

## External BEP Resources

### Business Enterprise Program Associations

#### **National Association of Blind Merchants**

Membership organization of blind persons who are either self-employed or working in the Randolph-Sheppard vending program. This advocacy and support group provides information regarding rehabilitation, social security, tax, and other issues that directly affect blind merchants. The NABM is associated with the National Federation of the Blind.

Website: <https://blindmerchants.org/>

#### **Randolph-Sheppard Vendors of America**

Membership organization comprised of persons who are employed by the Randolph-Sheppard Program. This affiliate of the American Council of the Blind provides information regarding rehabilitation, social security, tax, and other issues that directly affect blind merchants.

Website: <https://www.randolph-sheppard.org/>

### Business Resources

#### **50 Points of Profit**

A summary from the National Federation of Blind Merchants of Ron Yudd's curriculum for business success.

Website: <https://blindmerchants.org/education/50-points-of-profit/>

## **How to Comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act**

This guide from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) answers questions about whether restaurants and other food service employers risk violating the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) if they base employment decisions, such as whether to exclude an employee from the workplace, on local public health rules modeled on the FDA's Food Code. This guide assures employers that they can both follow the rules of the Food Code and comply with the ADA. The guide also explains how the ADA applies to food service employers and people with disabilities who work in restaurants.

Website: <https://www.eeoc.gov/fact-sheet/how-comply-americans-disabilities-act-guide-restaurants-and-other-food-service-employers>

## **National Automatic Merchenting Association**

NAMA is the national trade association of the food and refreshment vending, coffee service, and food service management industries, including onsite, commissary, catering, and mobile. Their mission is to collectively advance and promote the automatic merchandising and coffee service industries.

Website: <https://www.namanow.org/>

## **National Buyers Group Magazine**

Contains online resources that relate to small businesses. Also includes national and international resources.

Website: <https://www.nationalbuyinggroup.com/>

## **National Restaurant Association**

The National Restaurant Association is the leading business association for the restaurant industry. The Association's mission is to represent, educate, and promote a rapidly growing industry that is comprised of 900,000 restaurant and food service outlets employing 12.2 million people.

Website: <https://www.restaurant.org/home>

## **Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) Randolph-Sheppard Homepage**

Provides information regarding the purpose, eligibility, funding, laws, regulations, and guidance of the program.

Website: <https://www2.ed.gov/programs/rsarsp/index.html>

## **Small Business Administration**

A government program to advise and assist small business owners. Their mission is to maintain and strengthen the nation's economy by aiding, counseling, assisting, and protecting the interests of small businesses and by helping families and businesses recover from national disasters.

Website: <https://www.sba.gov/>

## **Vendline**

The purpose of Vendline is to provide users with an easy-to-use website that facilitates the search for vending-related information and companies that perform a specific function or service. Vendline also offers analytical tools to evaluate business opportunities, profitability, or project feasibility.

Website: <http://www.vendline.com/>