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Strategic Research Source List

Construction Industry

Key Subscription Sources

LECET:

www.lecet.org

www.lecet.org/mep

lecet.constructionpoints.com

Industrial Info

www.industrialinfo.com

Dun and Bradstreet Reports

www.dnbi.com

Other On-Line Sources

Moody's Jobs Forecast (including Construction)

<http://topics.gannett.com/job+growth/?template=digtriad>

AIA Consensus Construction Forecast

<http://www.aia.org/practicing/economics/AIAS076259>

Top Contractor Lists

<http://enr.construction.com/toplists/contractors/001-100.asp>

Other lists (by state, etc) are also available by searching [construction.com](http://www.construction.com)

Company and Financial Information

Public Companies

U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission

<http://www.sec.gov>

While you can often get access to a company's SEC filings through the Investor Relations section of a company's web site, the SEC's own site is easy enough to use and ensures you find all relevant filings. To get to the search tool for the EDGAR database, go to Filings and Forms → Search for Company Filings (<http://www.sec.gov/edgar/searchedgar/webusers.htm>). From this page, *you can choose to do a full text search of SEC filings*, a feature that used to only be available on sites like www.FreeEdgar.com, which is incredibly valuable for uncovering connections among companies. (In a pinch, the full text of SEC filings can also be searched via Lexis-Nexis.) There's also a useful directory of all SEC forms at <http://www.sec.gov/info/edgar/forms/edgform.pdf>.

SEDAR (Canada)<http://www.sedar.com/>

Canadian public company filings.

They Rule<http://www.theyrule.net/>

Site that graphically maps out corporate connections among the nation's largest public companies.

Wright Investor's Service<http://www.corporateinformation.com/>**Shareholder Lists****Yahoo Finance**<http://finance.yahoo.com>

You can get a short (usually Top 10) list of shareholders on Yahoo Finance, though it's usually a little dated and doesn't provide as much information as some other (subscription) sources.

Google Financewww.google.com/finance

Same caveats as Yahoo.

Morningstar<http://www.morningstar.com/>

Same caveats as Yahoo.

Lionshares<http://www.factset.com/data/data/ownership>

Subscription service that tends to have the most updated and comprehensive information on shareholders.

Corporate Governance**Council of Institutional Investors**<http://www.cii.org>

General information on corporate governance issues from an organization whose members include large pension funds, unions, etc.

The Corporate Library<http://www.thecorporatelibrary.com/info.php?id=60>

Links and background on corporate governance issues.

AFL-CIO Executive PayWatch<http://www.aflcio.org/corporatewatch/paywatch/>

Searchable database of corporate compensation packages.

Corporate Watch<http://www.corpwatch.org/>

Counters corporate-led globalization through education and activism. Fosters democratic control over corporations by building grassroots globalization--a diverse movement for human rights, labor rights and environmental justice

New York Stock Exchange<http://www.nyse.com/regulation/nyse/1101074746736.html>

Includes information on governance standards required for a company to be listed on the NYSE.

NASDAQhttps://listingcenter.nasdaqomx.com/assets/nasdaq_listing_req_fees.pdf

Includes information on governance standards required for a company to be listed on the NASDAQ.

SEC Summary of Securities Laws<http://www.sec.gov/about/laws.shtml>

The SEC's summary of laws and regulations governing the securities industry.

International Corporate Governance Network<http://www.icgn.org/best-practice/>

Information on best practices on corporate governance.

Governance Magazine<http://www.governance.co.uk/>

Articles on governance issues. Requires subscription for full access but some information available on a fee-per-article basis.

Corporate and Municipal Bonds**Moody's Investors Service**<http://www.moodys.com>

One of the three major services that rates corporate and municipal bonds. Publishes reports rating the investment quality of bonds and similar debt instruments for many companies and public entities, as well as occasional industry-level analysis. Small amount of information available for free; usually have to pay for reports.

Standard & Poorswww.standardandpoors.com

Another of the bond rating services.

Fitch Investors Services<http://www.fitchratings.com>

The third and smallest of the bond ratings firms.

MuniOS<http://www.munios.com>

When a government body (city, state, county, special taxing body, etc.) issues a bond, it has to make public an "official statement"—essentially, the prospectus for the bond it is marketing. These can provide valuable information about top employers in a town, tax incentives, and a wealth of other financial information. The only foolproof way to get these is through FOIA, though sometimes you get lucky (especially for bonds currently being marketed) and can find one on-line from a service such as MuniOS. Often there is a fee for the document, but it can be much faster and sometimes cheaper than FOIA.

DPC Data<http://www.dpcdata.com>

Similar service to MuniOS.

InvestingInBonds.com<http://www.investinginbonds.com>

Current bond pricing and related information.

Private Company Resources**Hoovers**<http://www.hoovers.com>

Profiles and data on various private companies.

Dun & Bradstreet<http://www.dnb.com>

Reports that purport to analyze the creditworthiness of companies available for sale on various public and private companies. Is the company late in paying their bills [more than 21 days]? Are they at a high risk of financial stress or defaulting on a major bill over the course of the next year?

Google

Search for company websites and other references at www.google.com. Search for news about a company at <http://news.google.com>. Set alerts to receive email about new stories or web references at <http://www.google.com/alerts>.

Public Records: Secretary of State and Property Records

Sometimes very little information is available about private companies. However, every company will have to register with the Secretary of State in their respective state. Not all states have the same reporting requirements, but this may lead you to the name of an executive and an address for the business. You can then search for other companies registered to the same individual or at the same address to see what else this company might be connected to. Property records can also help with this pursuit- see who owns the property the company is based at, or search for other properties owned by entities at that address. **Lexis-Nexis** is a nice centralized and easily searchable source for some (but not all) of these records. Click on the “i” logo next to any source in Lexis for complete coverage information. Also, **BRB Publications** <http://www.brbspub.com/free-public-records/> provides a good overview and links to various federal, state, county and city online records sites, which often let you search for free.

National Association of Secretaries of State

<http://www.nass.org/>

Yellow Pages

Reverse directory searches

<http://www.yellowpages.com>

Privatization Issues

<http://inthepublicinterest.org/states>

Accounting Matters

American Institute of Certified Public Accountants

<http://www.aicpa.org/>

Definitive resource if you need to research an accounting issue. Some information is available for free, otherwise a password is required.

Financial Dictionaries

Investopedia

Investor glossary.

<http://www.investopedia.com/dictionary/>

Investor Words

Another investor glossary.

<http://www.investorwords.com>

Non-Profits

Guidestar

<http://www.guidestar.com>

IRS Form 990s for many non-profit organizations, which includes their boards of directors, key

executives, salaries, financial, some donor information, etc. Useful for researching non-profit employers; the network of connections for corporate executives and board members; job placement and training programs for workers in our industries; etc. A free registration is needed to view some information.

U.S. Internal Revenue Service

<http://www.irs.gov/charities/index.html>

Rules and regulations governing non-profits and charitable organizations.

National Center for Charitable Statistics

<http://nccsdataweb.urban.org/>

National, state, and regional databases on the activities of charitable organizations.

The National Database for Non-Profit Organizations<http://foundationcenter.org/findfunders/990finder/>

Labor Critique

Court Records and General Legal Resources

PACER

<http://www.pacer.gov>

Index of federal court cases, including full-text documents in some jurisdictions. Requires a subscription, charges per page downloaded.

Lexis-Nexis “Combined State Civil and Criminal Filings” Library

State court records are among our greatest challenges, but they often contain a large amount of information that isn’t covered in the federal cases readily available on PACER (for example, personal injury, contract disputes, etc.). For the case files themselves, there are few alternatives to going to the courthouse. This library just includes records that cases were filed in a particular jurisdiction, but this can give us a sense of which courthouses we want to prioritize for records searches. Unfortunately, the coverage on Lexis-Nexis is limited. Click on the “i” logo next to the source for complete coverage information. Also, before heading down to the courthouse in person, check online to see if the county in question has begun digitizing records, or at least making searches available online. (The link for BRB above is a good place to look for the county you are interested in.)

Lexis-Nexis Courtlink

<http://www.lexisnexis.com/courtlink/online/>

By subscription only, provides a PACER-like ability to access state court records. Transaction-by-transaction pricing is available.

Westlaw

www.westlaw.com

Another subscription source for legal searches.

Law.com Legal Dictionary

<http://dictionary.law.com/>

Index of federal court cases, including full-text documents in some jurisdictions. Requires a subscription, charges per page downloaded.

BRB Publications

<http://www.brpub.com/free-public-records/state/>

Courthouse Research

<http://www.liuna.org/courthouse-research>

Martindale-Hubbell Lawyer listings <http://www.martindale.com/Find-Lawyers-and-Law-Firms.aspx>
Searchable directory of lawyers around the country, with contact information, bios, and specialties.

Union Busting and Management Webinars <http://www.parkavenuepresentations.com/webinars.html>

Health and Safety

Occupational Safety and Health Administration <http://www.osha.gov/oshstats/index.html>
Click on "Establishment Search" to search for violations by individual employers. Also can search for violations by SIC code, background on regulations, statistics and trends, etc.

Hazardous Substance Fact Sheets <http://web.doh.state.nj.us/rtkhsfs/indexfs.aspx>
Great fact sheets on the hazardous properties and health effects of many chemicals.

Material Safety Data Sheets <http://www.ilpi.com/msds/>
On-line sources for Material Safety Data Sheets, which are supposed to be displayed at worksites where hazardous chemicals are used.

Food and Drug Administration <http://www.fda.gov/>

NLRB

National Labor Relations Board <http://www.nlr.gov/cases-decisions>
Search NLRB decisions (Board, ALJ, Regional Directors). This will not produce a full list of charges filed against a company, settlements reached between workers and the company, etc.

EEOC

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission <http://www.eeoc.gov>
Search NLRB decisions (Board, ALJ, Regional Directors). This will not produce a full list of charges filed against a company, settlements reached between workers and the company, etc.

ERISA

Free ERISA <http://www.freeerisa.com>
On-line access to pension and benefit data, including Form 5500s, the annual report filed by many pension and benefit funds.

The ERISA Industry Committee <http://www.eric.org/forms/documents/DocumentFormPublic/>
Employer-side advocacy group around ERISA issues (pension funds, health funds, etc.) Helps to understand some details of how health plans and pensions work.

U.S. Department of Labor

DOL LM Reports <http://www.dol.gov/olms/regs/compliance/rrlo/lmrda.htm>
Access to forms that unions and employer-side consultants file with the U.S. Dept. of Labor.

Prevailing Wage Violations
Send a FOIA to the DOL

Second-Hand Sources for Critique

We should never quote these directly—we should always seek out a primary or otherwise credible source—but they can help provide us with leads for our research.

UNICORE <http://localunion.aflcio.org/unicore>
On-line tool compiled by the AFL-CIO that includes data on ULPs, elections, OSHA, etc. Passwords available through the UAW library.

FAST Database
Compiled by the AFL-CIO, includes data on ULPs, elections, etc.

Working America Job Tracker <http://www.workingamerica.org/jobtracker/>
Good for quick ULP, OSHA, and other violation lookups.

Regulatory and Legislative Issues

Environmental Regulation and Data

U.S. EPA Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) <http://www.epa.gov/tri/>
Searchable database of harmful chemical releases by worksite.

Superfund Site Locator <http://cfpub.epa.gov/supercpad/cursites/srchsites.cfm>
Searchable database of sites on the National Priorities List, more commonly known as Superfund.

RCRA Online <http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/inforesources/online/index.htm>
Database of documents and information related to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), one of the primary regulations dealing with hazardous waste.

Federal environmental compliance history (ECHO)
http://www.epa-echo.gov/echo/compliance_report.html

**EPA Administrative Law Judge
Decisions**

<http://epa.gov/oalj/>

U.S. EPA Envirofacts

<http://www.epa.gov/enviro/>

View environmental information by ZIP code, city, state, or county.

Scorecard

<http://www.scorecard.org>

Lots of localized data on pollution issues, originally created by the Environmental Defense Fund.

Right-To-Know Network (RTKNet)

<http://www.rtknet.org/>

Access to many of the same resources as above in a user-friendly format.

RED Report

<http://www.redreport.com>

Pay service to track environmental disclosures on a property related to the environmental hazards that must be disclosed during the sale of real estate.

**U.S. Dept. of Transportation Pipeline and
Hazardous Materials Safety Administration**

<http://phmsa.dot.gov/hazmat>

Information on federal regulations governing the transportation of hazardous waste.

General Federal Regulations

Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/cfr/>

Official text of federal regulations.

Federal Register

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/>

Information on pending regulations and rulemakings, and other official announcements related to government programs.

SIC and NAICS Codes

SIC Code Lookup

<http://www.osha.gov/pls/imis/sicsearch.html>

Allows you to look up Standard Industrial Classification codes by industry.

NAICS Code Lookup

<http://www.census.gov/eos/www/naics/>

Allows you to look up industry codes under the North American Industrial Classification System.

Public Subsidies

Good Jobs First

<http://www.goodjobsfirst.org>

Best practices, explanations, and studies on subsidy abuse and accountability.

Dirt Diggers Digest

<http://www.corp-research.org>

Published by the research director at Good Jobs First, real-world examples of corporate accountability research that can spark good ideas. Also a periodic email update.

Area Development <http://www.area-development.com/>
Information on tax incentives for developers and corporations.

Site Selection <http://www.siteselection.com/>
Information on tax incentives for developers and corporations.

Trade Adjustment Information for Firms <http://www.taacenters.org/>
Information on tax incentives for manufacturers negatively impacted by federal trade laws.

Accountable Development Research Guide <http://www.goodjobsfirst.org/accountable-development/researchers-guide>

Subsidy Tracker <http://www.subsidytracker.org>
The first national search engine for state economic development subsidies. It brings together recipient data from a wide range of subsidy programs in states across the country.

Accountable USA <http://www.goodjobsfirst.org/accountable-usa>
A state by state overview of each state's track record on the use of job subsidies

Corporate Subsidy Watch <http://www.goodjobsfirst.org/corporate-subsidy-watch>
Tracks which companies go most often to the public trough for assistance, and critiques egregious giveaways.

Tax Incentives Alert <http://www.straffordpub.com/products/tax-incentives-alert>

Site Selection magazine <http://www.siteselection.com/>

Site Selection Blockbuster Deal Archive <http://www.siteselection.com/ssinsider/bbdeal/>

Site Selection Incentive Deal Archive <http://www.siteselection.com/ssinsider/incentive/>

Electronic Municipal Market Access (EMMA) <http://emma.msrb.org/>

Council of Development Finance Agencies resources page <http://www.cdfa.net/cdfa/cdfaweb.nsf/ordsearch.html>

Database of State Incentives for Renewables and Efficiency <http://www.dsireusa.org/>

Fed Spending <http://www.fedspending.org/>
Check to see if a company receives federal contracts

■ Legislative Tracking

THOMAS <http://thomas.loc.gov/>
Searchable database of federal legislation, including bill text and status, published by the Library of Congress.

Congressional Budget Office<http://www.cbo.gov>

All sorts of budget and economic information, including cost estimates of specific pieces of legislation.

Congressional Quarterly<http://www.cq.com>

Some free information on legislative developments. Subscription might be useful if you're digging in deep on a certain piece of federal legislation.

Congressional Budget Office<http://www.cbo.gov>

All sorts of budget and economic information, including cost estimates of specific pieces of legislation.

Roll Call<http://www.rollcall.com>

Good source of inside-the-Beltway news.

The Hill<http://www.hillnews.com/>

Little brother to Roll Call.

Campaign Finance and Lobbying**Open Secrets (Center for Responsive Politics)**<http://www.opensecrets.org>

Searchable database of federal legislation, including bill text and status, published by the Library of Congress.

Transparency Data<http://transparencydata.com/>

Search campaign contributions, lobbying, federal grants, and contracts.

Federal Election Commission<http://www.fec.gov>

Campaign finance reports and policy.

Federal Lobbyist Registrationhttp://www.senate.gov/legislative/Public_Disclosure/LDA_reports.htm

Government database of registered lobbyists, lobbying firms, and their clients.

US Senate

Lobbying

<http://soprweb.senate.gov/index.cfm?event=choosefields>

US House Lobbying

Disclosure search

<http://disclosures.house.gov/ld/ldsearch.aspx>

Contribution search

<http://disclosures.house.gov/lc/lcsearch.aspx>**National Institute of Money in State Politics**<http://www.followthemoney.org/>

State-level data, as well as links to state campaign disclosure offices.

Government Contracting**Federal Business Opportunities (FedBizOps)**<https://www.fbo.gov/>

Searchable listing of most federal contracts out to bid, along with bid documents and awards.

FedSpending<http://www.fedspending.org/>

Data on federal contract awards assembled by the non-profit organization OMB Watch.

USA Spending.gov<http://www.usaspending.gov>

Data on federal contract awards, similar to FedSpending.

U.S. Government Spendingwww.usgovernmentsspending.com**Federal Procurement Data System**<https://www.fpds.gov>

Official government data on contract awards.

U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO)<http://www.gao.gov>

Reports detailing investigations into various government contracts and programs.

Project on Government Oversight<http://www.pogo.org/>

Well-respected bipartisan watchdog over federal spending.

GAO Investigator's Guide<http://www.gao.gov/special.pubs/soi/contents.htm>

Full text of the official regulations governing federal purchasing.

Code of Federal Regulationswww.gpoaccess.gov/cfr/**Congressional Research Reports**<http://openocrs.com/>**White House Office of Management & Budget**<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/budget>**Fedstats**<http://www.fedstats.gov/>**Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse (TRAC)**<http://trac.syr.edu/index.html>

Comprehensive information about federal staffing, spending, and enforcement activities of federal agencies

Federal Debarment<https://www.sam.gov/portal/public/SAM/>**State Debarment** <http://www.liuna.org/map>**Davis-Bacon Wage Determinations**<http://www.gpo.gov/davisbacon/>

Wage determinations for federal contracts issued by the U.S. Dept. of Labor.

Service Contract Act<http://www.wdol.gov/>

The Service Contract Act Wage Determination Database (SCA) contains unsigned copies of the latest wage determinations developed by the U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL). These wage determinations, issued by the Wage and Hour Division in response to specific notices filed, set the minimum wage on federally funded service contracts.

Infrastructure

Federal Agencies

Department of Interior	http://www.doi.gov/
Bureau of Land Management	http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en.html/
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement	www.boemre.gov/
Bureau of Reclamation	http://www.usbr.gov/
Department of Transportation	www.dot.gov/
Federal Highway Administration	http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/
Federal Transit Administration	http://www.fta.dot.gov/
Department of Homeland Security	http://www.dhs.gov/index.shtm/
Office of Infrastructure Protection	www.dhs.gov/xabout/structure/gc_1185203138955.shtm/
Federal Emergency Management Agency	http://www.fema.gov/
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	http://www.usace.army.mil/
USACE Engineering & Construction	http://www.usace.army.mil/CECW/Pages/cecwe_index.aspx/
Environmental Protection Agency	www.epa.gov/
Office of Water/Office of Groundwater and Drinking Water	http://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/ow.html#ground/
Office of Water/Office of Wastewater Management	http://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/ow.html#wastewater/
Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response	http://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/oswer.html/
Department of Energy	http://www.energy.gov/
Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability	http://www.oe.energy.gov/
Office of Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy	http://www.eere.energy.gov/
U.S. Geological Survey	http://www.usgs.gov/

State Agencies

State Water Agencies	http://waterwebster.org/state_framebottom.htm
State Public Service and Utilities Commissions	http://www.statelocalgov.net/50states-regulatory.cfm
State Environmental Agencies	http://www.epa.gov/epahome/state.htm
State Transportation Departments	http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/webstate.htm
RITA (Bureau of Transportation Statistics) - State Transportation Statistics	http://www.bts.gov/publications/state_transportation_statistics/
State Utility Commissions	http://consumeraction.gov/utility.shtml
State Public Works	http://www.statelocalgov.net/50states-public-works.cfm
US GPO State Budgets	http://1.usa.gov/kXSUvt

County Agencies

National Association of Counties	http://www.naco.org/Pages/default.aspx
Municipal Agencies	
American Hometowns	http://www.usa.gov/Agencies/Local_Government/Cities.shtml
U.S. Conference of Mayors	http://usmayors.org/
National League of Cities	http://www.nlc.org/find-city-solutions/research-innovation/infrastructure
Local Water Utilities	http://www.awwa.org/awwa/community/links.cfm?LinkCategoryID=20
Local Transportation/Public Works	http://www.statelocalgov.net/50states-public-works.cfm

Property Ownership/Real Estate

Lexis Nexis

Public Records – Real Property Records, gives you a form to search mortgages, deeds, etc. As with state court records, you will only get a short record of the filing—not the original documents—but they can still help you figure out where you are looking and prepare you much better for a visit to the local land records office.

LoopNet

<http://www.loopnet.com>

Access to millions of property records including Owner & Tenant Details, Mortgage & Lender History, Tax Records & Assessed Values, Historical For Sale & Lease Information, Property Details & Photos, Asking Price & Asking Rent Trends. Paul Price has 'premium access' to this database.

CB Richard Ellis

<http://gkc3.cbre.com/search/search.aspx>

Market-by-market reports on real estate, including industrial real estate. Can be useful information on company expansions, lease signings, market trends, etc. that might help confirm plant list information.

Grubb & Ellis

<http://www.grubb-ellis.com/Research/Reports.aspx>

Same sorts of real estate market reports and described above.

Colliers

<http://www.colliers.com/Research>

Same sorts of real estate market reports and described above.

Reis Reports

www.reis.com/

Labor and Economic Conditions

Government Statistical Resources

Bureau of Labor Statistics

<http://www.bls.gov/>

The first stop for a wide range of employment related data. Data on union density is at <http://www.bls.gov/news.release/union2.toc.htm>.

Consumer Price Index (CPI) Home Page

<http://www.bls.gov/cpi/>

Cost of living and inflation data.

U.S. Census Bureau

<http://www.census.gov>

General demographic and population information. Among the more useful features: Poverty data, including poverty guidelines (<http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/poverty/poverty.html>), the American Housing Survey (<http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/housing/ahs/ahs.html>), the County/Metro/ZIP Code Business Patterns (<http://www.census.gov/econ/cbp/index.html>) and Employment Data By City (<http://censtats.census.gov/cgi-bin/msanaic/msasel.pl>)

U.S. Dept. of Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis

<http://www.bea.gov>

Big picture economic numbers, such as GDP by state, corporate profits, personal income and expenditures, etc.

2011 Statistical Abstract of the U.S. <http://www.census.gov/compendia/statab/>
From the Census Bureau, a look at a wide range of statistics over time.

Federal Reserve Bank <http://www.federalreserve.gov/publications.htm>
Economic information, banking regulation, etc.

Working for America Institute Economic Statistics Page www.workingforamerica.org/econupdate.htm
Monthly updated statistics, charts and analysis of the economy and the Impact on working people in the nation, industries, and regions

■ Layoffs

WARN Act Guidelines <http://www.doleta.gov/programs/factsht/warn.htm>
U.S. Dept. of Labor guidelines on notifications of mass layoffs under the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act.

Mass Layoff Statistics <http://www.bls.gov/mls/home.htm>
BLS monthly reports on mass layoffs.

PlantClosings.com <http://plantclosings.com/pcn/>
Subscription service with details on plant closures.

■ Health Care and Health Insurance

U.S. Census Bureau Healthcare Data <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/hlthins/hlthins.html>
Data on health insurance coverage.

State Health Facts <http://www.statehealthfacts.org>
State-by-state information on health care, provided by the Kaiser Family Foundation.

Kaiser Family Foundation <http://www.kff.org>
Information on healthcare and healthcare reform.

Families USA <http://www.familiesusa.org/>
Information on health care targeted at consumer and advocates.

Safety Net Profile Tool <http://hcup.ahrq.gov/SafetyNet/SafetyNet.asp?Id=09B29C0739D45DFB>
Uses census data to calculate the number of uninsured residents of major metropolitan areas.

National Center for Healthcare Statistics <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/>
Health care data from the Center for Disease Control.

Medical Expenditure Panel Survey <http://www.meps.ahrq.gov/mepsweb/>
Information about health care costs and insurance coverage from the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Service's Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation <http://www.rwjf.org/pr/>
Policy-focused research and publications on the healthcare world.

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

<http://www.cms.gov/>

Detailed information on Medicare and Medicaid, including large amounts of data.

Living Wages/Cost of Living measures

Economic Policy Institute

<http://www.epinet.org>

Resources on how economic policies affect working people, including cost-of-living calculators and state-by-state reports of economic conditions produced through EPI's multi-state network of affiliated local advocacy groups. The family budget calculator is at http://www.epi.org/content/budget_calculator/.

National Low-Income Housing Coalition

<http://www.nlihc.org/>

Publishes reports with local data on housing cost and the wages workers need to earn to afford decent housing.

National Employment Law Project

<http://www.nelp.org>

Resources and information on legal issues as they pertain to poverty and low-income workers.

Urban Institute

<http://www.urban.org>

Policy-focused research on a wide range of issues, including housing, immigration, employment, health care, education, and other issues important to cities.

National Center for Children in Poverty

<http://www.nccp.org/>

Includes good on-line tools for comparing eligibility requirements for various anti-poverty programs by state.

National Low-Income Housing Coalition

<http://www.nlihc.org/>

Publishes great studies with local data on housing costs.

Six Strategies for Family Economic Self-Sufficiency

<http://www.sixstrategies.com/>

Information on cost-of-living, with links to state-by-state projects.

Immigration

National Immigration Law Center

<http://www.nilc.org/>

General information on legal topics related to immigration and immigration reform.

Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights

<http://icirr.org/en/issue>

Good general fact sheets on immigration debate and issues—helpful outside of Illinois, too.

Apprenticeships

FOIA the DOL for status reports and monitoring of apprenticeship programs. Also, contact the relevant State's DOL for state-level reporting.

Collective Bargaining Agreements

Berkeley Labor Contracts Database <http://www.irle.berkeley.edu/library/index.php?page=3>
Compilation of full text of contracts available on the internet.

National Mediation Board <http://www.nmb.gov/>
Reports of Railway Labor Act representation and dispute cases

■ Religious Issues

Religious objections and support
<http://www.nrtw.org/ro1.htm> and <http://www.rayabernathy.com/?p=593>

International Labor Resources

International Labour Organization <http://www.ilo.org>
Information about global labor standards, including the conventions on the right to organize, child labor, minimum wage, and other basic working conditions ratified by many nations around the world.

Global Policy Network <http://www.gpn.org/>
International data on working conditions, including country reports.

U.S. Dept. of State Human Rights Reports <http://www.state.gov/g/drl/rls/hrrpt/>
Official reports on U.S. government's analysis of human rights situation in every country around the world typically include a fairly detailed section on labor practices, including labor laws.

U.S. Dept. of Labor Bureau of International Labor Affairs <http://www.dol.gov/ilab/>
Information on labor practices in other countries, similar to the information in the Dept. of State reports, above.

ITUC Annual Survey of Trade Union Rights Violations <http://survey09.ituc-csi.org/survey.php?IDContinent=0&Lang=EN>

The best, most comprehensive list of violations of the right to organize by country, published annually by the International Trade Union Confederation. The ITUC's main site also has good information: <http://www.ituc-csi.org/>.

UN Development Program Human Development Index <http://hdrstats.undp.org/en/indicators/104.html>
Detailed measures of poverty and economic development by country.

Organization for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD) <http://www.oecd.org>
Country reports and statistics on labor conditions and a wide range of related topics.

Human Rights Watch <http://www.hrw.org>
General reports on human rights issues in selected countries.

Transparency International <http://www.transparency.org/>
Information on government and corporate corruption by country, including a ranking of countries based

on the level of corruption.

Labour Start

Compilation of news stories on unions around the world.

<http://www.labourstart.org/>

UNI

News and information from the international network of unions.

<http://www.union-network.org/>

General Research Tools

Freedom of Information Act

Student Press Law Center FOIA Generator

Just plug in the information and it will develop a customized letter for the state in which you are interested. Other helpful FOIA information, too.

<http://www.splc.org/legalassistance/foiletter.asp>

Open Government Guide

State-by-state FOIA guide from the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, including the ability to compare FOIA law point-by-point across all states.

<http://www.rcfp.org/ogg/index.php>

Newspapers

American City Business Journals

Links to business journals for most major cities. Also, information on the Book of Lists for each city.

<http://www.bizjournals.com>

Crain Communications, Inc.

Business journals for Chicago, Detroit, New York, and Cleveland, plus other industry publications.

<http://www.craains.com>

Newspaper Association of America

Links to newspapers all around the country.

<http://www.newspaperlinks.com/voyager.cfm>

Newslink

Links to newspapers, radio, and television stations, including alternative press.

<http://newslink.org/>

The Wall Street Journal

Usually must be searched separately. Requires subscription.

<http://online.wsj.com/public/us>

Alternative Press Center On-Line Directory

Alternative publications all around the country.

<http://www.altpress.org/direct.html>

Books

Google Book Search

Search the full text of millions of books. While books may often be too dated when we need to find news about companies or individuals, there are frequently case studies of companies, or more in-depth works on technical subjects, that are extremely valuable.

<http://books.google.com>

Amazon.com "Search Inside the Book"www.amazon.com

Another way to search the full text of books. The FAQ on how it works is at

<http://www.amazon.com/gp/help/customer/display.html?ie=UTF8&nodeId=10197041>

Library Spot<http://www.libraryspot.com/>

Especially when researching companies located in smaller communities, the local papers may not always be on Lexis-Nexis. Some libraries may have resources on-line. Also includes links to university libraries, which may have specialized journals or collections not available to us any other way.

Miscellaneous Utilities**Anonymizer**<http://www.anonymizer.com/>

Allows you to visit web sites without the site administrator discovering who you are.

The Wayback Machinewww.waybackmachine.org/

Allows you to visit earlier versions of a website

Spanish Translations<http://www.freetranslation.com/>