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### **US Trade by State**

Ever wondered what Wyoming's chief agricultural exports are? Or how many billions of goods Oregon exports, in total? Did you know that transportation equipment is Connecticut's biggest manufacturing export? [Check out this interactive map](#) published by the U.S. Trade Representative's Office to get a read on trade stats across the nation.

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## Are Your Personal Finances in Order?

Starting a business can put a burden on your personal finances. It takes time before your new venture turns a profit and provides financial support for you and your family.

Before starting a business, it is important to get your finances in order. Read more about [how business and personal finances are related](#), and why strains on your personal budget can cause a financial risk to your business.

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## How Do You Apply for an SBA Loan?

While the standards for SBA-qualifying loans are more flexible than those for other types of loans, lenders still require extensive documentation to evaluate your loan request. [Follow these guidelines](#) to make the best application you can.

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## How to Choose the Right Business Name

Choosing the right name for your business is really important. Not only should you pick a name that reflects your brand identity, but you also need to ensure your name is properly registered and protected for the long term. And be sure to give some thought to whether it's web-ready. Is the domain name even available?

[Here are some tips to help you](#) pick, register, and protect your business name.

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