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### **Are You Cut Out to Be an Entrepreneur?**

Starting your own business can be an exciting and rewarding experience. It can offer numerous advantages such as being your own boss, setting your own schedule and making a living doing something you enjoy. But, becoming a successful entrepreneur requires thorough planning, creativity and hard work. Read more to find out if you have the characteristics and skills [commonly associated with successful entrepreneurs](#).

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### Looking for Stats and Data? Look No Further

As a business owner or executive, you will need a solid understanding of your market and current economic conditions to plan for business growth and success. Check out the Census Bureau's [Business and Industry statistics](#) section to learn more about [trends in your community](#), [your county](#) or [your industry](#), whether it is manufacturing or mining, retail or real estate, food services or farming.

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### Improved HR Tool for Employers and Employees

The U.S. Department of Labor has added some new features to its [CareerOneStop Business Center](#), including videos and tutorials to help businesses train and retain employees. Employers can send their workers to the [CareerOneStop for employees](#) for information on learning new skills and certifications.

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### Looking to Sell to the U.S. Government?

One of the most popular sections on the BusinessUSA.gov website includes resources that guide business owners to contracting opportunities over \$25,000 with the U.S. federal government. [Check out our contracting tool](#) and see if there is a contracting opportunity that fits your business.

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