

Optional: A Partial List of Nonprofit and Educational Organizations for Guidance (Reading)

State Employee Ownership Centers

<https://cleo.rutgers.edu/state-employee-ownership-centers/>

Independent nonprofit state centers for employee ownership are supporting and expanding employee ownership, state by state, across the country. These centers are resources for selling owners, employees, and communities. In the United States the number of state centers is growing thanks to the leadership of the "[Employee Ownership Expansion Network](#)."

Democracy at Work Institute

<https://institute.coop/>

The mission of the Democracy at Work Institute is to expand the worker cooperative model to reach communities most directly affected by social and economic inequality, specifically people of color, recent immigrants, and low-wage workforces.

National Center for Employee Ownership

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

The National Center for Employee Ownership (NCEO) is a nonprofit organization that has been supporting the employee ownership community since 1981. Its mission is to help employee ownership thrive. They generate original research, facilitate the exchange of best practices through live and online events, feature current writing by experts, and help employee ownership companies build ownership cultures where employees think and act like owners.

The ESOP Association

<https://www.esopassociation.org/>

The ESOP Association is the only organization that advocates on behalf of all ESOP companies. Dedicated to education, the ESOP Association attracts more than 10,000 people annually to its 18 chapters and five national meetings.

U.S. Federation of Worker Cooperatives

<https://www.usworker.coop/home/>

The U.S. Federation of Worker Cooperatives is the national grassroots membership organization for worker cooperatives. Its mission is to build a thriving cooperative movement of stable, empowering jobs through worker-ownership. It includes more than 350 business and organizational members.

Beyster Institute

<http://rady.ucsd.edu/centers/beyster/>

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The Beyster Institute at U.C. San Diego's Rady School of Management works to advance the understanding and practice of employee ownership as an effective and responsible business model. They focus on education, research and consulting to promote employee ownership and the creation of effective ownership cultures.

ICA Group

<https://icagroup.org/>

The ICA Group is a leading expert on worker ownership and the oldest national organization dedicated to the development of worker cooperatives. It is a mission-driven nonprofit organized as a worker cooperative dedicated to bringing strategic analysis and industry-focused supports to the worker ownership sector.

International Employee Ownership Centers and Federations

<https://cleo.rutgers.edu/employee-ownership-centers-and-worker-cooperative-federations-around-the-world/>

This growing list links to employee ownership resource centers and federations located in countries and regions around the world.