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Best of the Best Business Web Resources 2024

BRASS Education Committee

The BRASS Best of the Best Business Reference Web Resources Award was established in 2009. The award recognizes three websites highly relevant to information professionals involved in providing business reference services. The websites are nominated and selected by the BRASS Education Committee members in early 2024. The criteria include the quality of content, ease of use, and technical execution.

This year we recognize resources that provide free access to collective bargaining resources, datasets, and country profiles that are useful to business librarians, students, and researchers. Reviews are written by members of the BRASS education committee.

Collective Bargaining, Labor Relations, and Labor Unions Guide

<https://guides.library.cornell.edu/collectivebargaining>

Maintained by the Industrial and Labor Relations Research Team of the Martin P. Catherwood Library at Cornell University, this guide compiles publicly available resources essential for understanding and participating in the collective bargaining process. It includes collective bargaining agreement databases from the public and private sectors of the United States and other countries, in addition to statistical resources on labor unions, compensation, and benefits. The guide also gives suggestions for background research resources and current periodicals on labor relations, and has a comprehensive listing of labor-related government agencies, labor unions, and labor policy organizations.

Reviewed by Emily Mross, Penn State University Libraries, BRASS Education Committee Member 2023–2025; BOBBW Co-Chair 2024

Data is Plural

<https://www.data-is-plural.com>

This “weekly newsletter of useful/curious datasets” has grown significantly over the last decade. First published in 2015, its archive, available in spreadsheet format, has become a go-to tool when searching for datasets. Developed by Jeremy Singer-Vine, a data editor and reporter, he describes

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each dataset succinctly (fewer than 100 words) and relationally, with links to access these open datasets. It includes credits pointing readers to whoever suggested or discovered the datasets.

Data is Plural is free, but recently launched a membership program (DIP+) in February 2024. Paid members have access to bonus materials including datasets that didn't make the cut for the general DIP newsletter, as well as a Discord-hosted members-only community.

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LexMundi Country Guides

<https://www.lexmundi.com/resources/guides-toolkits/country-guides/>

Designed to provide corporate counsels with general information about legal and business infrastructures around the world, LexMundi's 100+ country guides are authored by its member law firms and freely available in PDF format. These guides are excellent introductions to international business law for non-experts. Often stretching more than 100 pages, LexMundi guides address country-specific immigration, anti-trust and mergers, intellectual property, and labor laws, among many other topics.

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