For every state $1 invested in the Florida SBDC, $52 is returned to the state in tax revenue.*

$1 → $52

2018 Economic Impact Analysis of the Florida SBDC Network by FSU CEFA* | Reported by respondent clients of outcomes resulting from or in part due to assistance received in 2017-2018**
At the Florida SBDC Network, we believe in creating unimaginable possibilities for small businesses that yield economic prosperity for our state.

From starting and growing a business, to selling it, this is where Small Business Development Centers (SBDC) help. Established by Congress, SBDCs foster local, regional, and state economic prosperity by providing aspiring and existing small businesses access to professionally certified and credentialed business consultants to help mitigate common obstacles and find success.

Designated as “Florida’s principal provider of small business assistance [Fla. Stat. § 288.001],” the Florida SBDC Network, one of 62 SBDC networks in the country, has more than 40 offices, and approximately 50 outreach locations from Pensacola to Key West to serve the needs of Florida’s business community.

Since 1976, our network of partners has helped construct a statewide ecosystem to foster the spirit, support, and success of more than 1.2 million small business owners.

In addition to our core service offering of no-cost consulting, training, and business research, Florida SBDCs provide a comprehensive toolkit of specialized services for businesses looking to accelerate market growth, including:

- Strategic & Business Plan Development
- Access to Capital
- Strategic Market Research
- Cybersecurity
- Market Growth Development
- International Trade
- Government Contracting
- Disaster Resiliency & Recovery

Our clients tell our story best. Read a sampling of testimonials (☝️) from the tens of thousands of small businesses we assist each year.

**Florida’s resource for serving small business constituents from Pensacola to Key West**

9 REGIONS • 40+ CENTERS

50+ OUTREACH LOCATIONS

**District 16 Resources:**

- Florida SBDC at USF
  - Tampa (813) 905-5800

**Additional regional office locations:**

- Florida SBDC at UWF
  - Pensacola (850) 474-2528
- Florida SBDC at FAMU
  - Tallahassee (850) 599-3407
- Florida SBDC at UNF
  - Jacksonville (904) 620-2476
- Florida SBDC at UCF
  - Orlando (407) 420-4850
- Florida SBDC at FGCU
  - Fort Myers (239) 745-3700

**Network Headquarters:**

- Pensacola (850) 898-3479

**FloridaSBDC.org**

**Client Testimonials**

**Blue Dolphin Cafe, Inc., Sarasota**

“The Florida SBDC provided [application assistance for] a [State of Florida Small Business Emergency] Bridge Loan [after Hurricane Irma] and a subsequent long-term loan which assisted in keeping my business afloat. I was able to pay rents, buy replacement equipment, and pay the employees wages. Without the financial assistance, I would have had to close my businesses.”

—William R. Ball, Owner

**Game On Nation, Bradenton**

“Karen’s support has been ongoing and all of the resources at the PTAC have empowered game on to stay in the federal contracting space... This resource has been invaluable to us as a small business. It’s helped us create exponential growth, new verticals, new initiatives, new programs, and more than that, it’s about the personal connection and having somebody on call who can provide moral support and guidance. I can’t recommend Florida PTAC at USF highly enough.”

—Blair Bloomston, Vice President

**medAppraise, Inc., Sarasota**

“Our consultant was helpful in our understanding of and prepping for a DOD grant application. Being our first, there was a great deal we didn’t understand. He was instrumental in providing guidance through the solicitation process.”

—Sandra Chororos, Chief Commercial Officer

**N.B.S. Rossano, Inc., Sarasota**

“[Hurricane Irma] stopped our business for almost 4 months as our customers were rebuilding their businesses (resorts and restaurants). Our payroll was higher then our sales for 4 months. The Florida SBDC [assisted with the application that] got us a 6-month, no interest loan that kept us from having to lay off our employees. Thank you for keeping us in business.”

—Poppy Rossano, President