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

$1 ➔ $52

$2.5 Billion

GRP IMPACT on Florida’s economy as a result of Florida SBDC services*

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**
HLPING BUSINESSES GROW & SUCCEED

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

Network Headquarters
Florida SBDC at FGCU
Fort Myers (239) 745-3700

Additional regional office locations:

1. Florida SBDC at UWF
   Pensacola (850) 474-2528
2. Florida SBDC at FAMU
   Tallahassee (850) 599-3407
3. Florida SBDC at UNF
   Jacksonville (904) 620-2476
4. Florida SBDC at UCF
   Orlando (407) 420-4850
5. Florida SBDC at USF
   Tampa (813) 905-5800
6. Florida SBDC at IRSC
   Fort Pierce (772) 462-7296
7. Florida SBDC at FAU
   Fort Lauderdale (954) 762-5235
8. Florida SBDC at FIU
   Miami (305) 779-9230

Client Testimonials

The Client Server, Inc, Bonita Springs
“[Florida SBDC consultant] Suzanne was and always has been a huge resource for business growth knowledge - financial and operational. She knows when and how to offer the correct advice, even if it is to look at selling the business or closing it. Suzanne stays in contact, truly cares and follows up with each client. She is a wonderful advocate for the Florida SBDC in our community and invaluable to local businesses. Over 23 years in business, Suzanne and the Florida SBDC helped me as a sounding board, advisor, and resource for the needs to make my business grow. Thank you!”

—Wendi Fowler, President

Tuckaway Cafe, Fort Myers Beach
“Our business is The Tuckaway Cafe, a small mom and pop business on Fort Myers Beach. The space we operated out of was 400 square feet. After Hurricane Irma 2018, we were forced out of our location by our landlord. We contacted Duane Hoversten [consultant] with the Florida SBDC. He assisted us with finding a new location and finding bank loans and a small business loan. He was a great listener and had a wealth of information he shared with us, and [it] has transformed our lives. We just purchased a $1.2 million piece of property with a building for our restaurant. Thank you, SBDC, for all your past and present help in growing our business.”

—Amy & Tre Gillette, Owners

Tween Waters Inn, Captiva
“[Florida SBDC consultant] Duane Hoversten was a voice of reason and suggestion to help us grow our business. He helped to provide solutions to problems and helped us strategically moving forward... We found the service to be very valuable to us in helping us plan for the future.”

—Tony Lapi, President

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