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

For the Florida SBDC, $2.5 Billion on Florida’s economy as a result of Florida SBDC services*

Sales generated*  
District 25: $162.4M  
Statewide: $4.4B

Gov’t Contracts acquired**  
District 25: $1.6M  
Statewide: $520.0M

Capital accessed**  
District 25: $7.8M  
Statewide: $202.5M

Jobs Impacted direct, indirect, induced*  
District 25: 1,403  
Statewide: 38,403

Cost per Job to Florida taxpayers*  
$264

District 25
Statewide

245 or 75% Minorities
124 or 38% Women
13 or 4% Veterans & SCDVs

2018 Prosperity Report
Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart | District 25

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

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

Florida SBDC at FIU
Miami (305) 779-9230

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 Lauderdale (954) 762-5235

7. Florida SBDC at Florida SBDC at FGCU
   Pensacola (850) 898-3479

8. Florida SBDC at Florida SBDC at UCF
   Tallahassee (850) 620-2476

9. Florida SBDC at Florida SBDC at USF
   Orlando (407) 420-4850

Network Headquarters
Pensacola (850) 898-3479

Client Testimonials

Atlantic Models, Inc., Miami
“The [Florida SBDC] staff was great in leading us through our sales, forward planning for cash flow, better understanding of our financials, the options we have for financial planning, and really great input for our new website and marketing approaches. We absolutely recommend any company to take advantage of this great community resource.”
—Roger Jarman, Vice President

Venture Logistics, Medley
“The Florida SBDC office provided assistance in obtaining an SBA loan for cash-flow purposes, allowing us to expand into a new warehouse and grow our business by 50%. As a result, we’ve hired three new employees.”
—Javier Salazar, Business Development Manager

Fruitique Ice Cream, Hialeah
“There is a lot of competition. So differentiating ourselves has been a big challenge. The Florida SBDC has helped me a lot. One of the consultants has a food background in consumer-packaged goods. That’s what opened my eyes to even researching the industry more and learning from bigger brands.”
—German Puerto, President

Neo Broadband, Inc., Doral
“No person or company has ever made it alone. They have thrived and learned from great partners who help them avoid many of the pitfalls that can cause significant loss to small businesses such as ours. People like [our Florida SBDC consultant] Shelly Bernal have been a champion [in] helping us with items such as recommending UPS Capital, which allowed us to acquire a line of credit for importing goods. Also, helping us design our new sales strategy without [a] VP of sales and many other things, like connecting us with organizations and the right people for consulting or seeking advice.”
—Gloria Martinez, Co-Owner