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

Client Testimonials

Senior Helpers, Orange Park
“Cathy always gives me a new perspective on how to grow my business and how to do things differently. I enjoy her way of explaining different aspects to me to take on business growth within my terms.”
—Sheree Ellingson, Owner

L & D Fabrication LLC., Palatka
“Cheryl is always a phone call away to help us make decisions for our business. She lets us run ideas for growth, expansion or debt solutions through her. She comes up with great solutions to any problem we have brought to her and we wouldn’t be where we are in business without her knowledge and help...”
—Dawn Rawls, Owner

Goodwin Company, Micanopy
“Without the marketing, financial, and human resources assistance that Goodwin has received from the Florida SBDC we would likely not still be in business. We are extremely grateful for the Florida SBDC and continue to require their services for business continuation. The knowledge and expertise of our Florida SBDC consultants is greater and of more benefit than any other consultants that we have worked with over the years.”
—Carol Goodwin, CFO

Treadheads Specialty Tire, Ocala
“I started this business in 2005. The Florida SBDC assisted me in getting my first SBA loan. I have contacted them many times over the past 12 years for advice. Dr. Geist has been particularly helpful. They have provided me with insight I would have not thought of myself. Their guidance has been extremely beneficial in the growth of my business. I am sure I will continue to consult with them.”
—Tom Greene, President

Florida’s resource for serving small business constituents from Pensacola to Key West
9 REGIONS • 40+ CENTERS
50+ OUTREACH LOCATIONS

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 UCF
   Orlando (407) 420-4850
4. Florida SBDC at USF
   Tampa (813) 905-5800
5. Florida SBDC at FGCU
   Fort Myers (239) 745-3700

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

Network Headquarters
Pensacola (850) 898-3479

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