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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.

Client Testimonials

The Gilchrist Law Firm, P.A., Coral Gables
“[My Florida SBDC consultant] Luis Batista has been exceptional. Specifically, Luis helped my company secure capital, retain employees, and even grow my business by helping me win government contracts and instilling a vision with my employees of what our company can and will become. I can’t thank Luis and the Florida SBDC enough for what they did for me.”
—Jacquin Gilchrist

Innovae Group, LLC, Miami
“We value immensely our relationship with the Florida SBDC. Our consultant, Nile Kirec, is a very knowledgeable, professional, and amazing human being. We worked on a plan and strategy to target diversity suppliers. The plan worked accordingly and we secured a significant amount of business for 2019 with a Contract for Mobilization and Demobilization Plan of a Mine in Mexico for our new client in the mining industry. Mining is a new industry to us discovered by an effort of creating a marketing plan with Mrs. Kirec that helped us explore other industries and how likely we are to bring value to a specific niche. Our future looks brighter because of Florida SBDC at FIU.”
—Renata De Weert

Mango Media, Inc., Coral Gables
“The Florida SBDC helped us secure a large SBA loan for our book publishing business. Our consultant was instrumental in helping us understand the process, meet the right bankers, and follow through the due diligence correctly. Our Florida SBDC consultant was terrific to work with and has set the stage for us to grow our small business even faster and hire more editors, designers, and marketers.”
—Christopher McKenney

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