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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**
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

Cheeseburger Baby: SOBE, Miami Beach
“[Our Florida SBDC consultant] Roberto is brilliant. He really opened my eyes to a lot of things financially, big and small. He’s very honest and to the point. I’ve had to make some hard and big financial decisions, personal and business, and I’m fortunate and grateful to have had him as a financial analyst working by my side.”

—Rafael Suarez

Cat Café South Beach, Miami Beach
“It was imperative that I speak with someone who could grasp the unique concept that my business is and provide expertise on an advanced and practical level. I am not a novice. [My Florida SBDC consultants] Roberto Castellon and Nile Kirec are successful, savvy businesspeople in their own right. Our conversations are impactful, genuine, and hugely enjoyable. Because of my experience, I recommend the Florida SBDC to other small business owners I know. The services provided are invaluable and address every aspect of a small business.”

—Celyta Jackson

Lulu’s Miami Beach, LLC, Miami Beach
“The Florida SBDC has been instrumental in the growth and improved profitability of my business. I am eternally grateful for the ongoing support I have received from my assigned consultants and the office staff, too.”

—Luisa Santos

Shim Projects, Miami Beach
“Roberto Castellon [my Florida SBDC consultant] helped me make the first ‘business move’ in respect to securing a line of credit that would give me the peace of mind and security to operate my design business. He helped me understand how to forecast business income/cashflow and expenses and to grow carefully.”

—Annhy Shim

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