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

$1 → $52

$2.5 Billion

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**

**Senior Helpers, Orange Park**
“[My consultant] 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 own terms.”
—Sheree Ellingson

**Trust Environmental, Orange Park**
“Participating in this program has given us sure footing in planning the next growth phase of our company. We learned a lot, and we were pleasantly surprised that we are doing well in a lot of areas others struggle with. This program has had a positive impact on our business, our culture, and our success. We have met some incredible mentors that will be part of our story for many years to come.”
—Mark Szaks

**MTE Construction Co., Middleburg**
“[My consultant] Mr. Zavesky was very helpful in helping our company navigate the ways to enter into government contracting. He was also a very valuable source of providing marketability.”
—Martin Tackling

**Engineering and Services Global North America, LLC, Orange Park**
“The help [from the Florida SBDC] has been especially special in the preparation of the business plan and the way in which all the people involved are managed to help you in your personal and business growth. Excellent!”
—Eduing Santos

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