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

$1  $52

$2.5 Billion

GRP IMPACT on Florida’s economy as a result of Florida SBDC services

Business & Economic Outcomes

District 41  Statewide

Sales generated*  $43.7M  $4.4B
Gov’t Contracts acquired**  $36.5K  $520.0M
Capital accessed**  $1.1M  $202.5M
Jobs Impacted direct, indirect, induced*  378  38,403
Cost per Job to Florida taxpayers*  $264

Total: $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.

**Florida’s resource for serving small business constituents from Pensacola to Key West**

9 REGIONS
40+ CENTERS
50+ OUTREACH LOCATIONS

Find the regional office nearest you:

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 FGCU**
   Fort Myers (239) 745-3700

7. **Florida SBDC at IRSC**
   Fort Pierce (772) 462-4942

8. **Florida SBDC at FAU**
   Fort Lauderdale (954) 762-5235

9. **Florida SBDC at FIU**
   Miami (305) 779-9230

**Network Headquarters**

Pensacola (850) 898-3479

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**District 41**

**Client Testimonials**

**Top Flight Electric, Inc., Eagle Lake**

“I owe my entire business plan to the Florida SBDC. They helped me take my ideas and dreams to reality. I took every class they offered; the teachers were great! The consultants taught me how to write a business plan, how to put together financial projections, and then helped me with all the forms for the SBA loan. I am a businessman today because of the training I received from the Florida SBDC. They have helped me with my American dream!”

—William Bishop

**Tanner’s Lakeside, Winter Haven**

“The Florida SBDC assisted us in obtaining a bridge loan that enabled us to keep operating and retain key employees while we navigated the insurance companies claim settlement process. It took 7 months to get the first loss of income insurance payment. Without the bridge loan, we would not have been able to stay in business for that period.”

—Warren Gay

**Cost Cast, Inc., Haines City**

“Patricia is extremely knowledgeable, proficient, competent, patient, helpful, effective, and awesome. She helped me navigate the totally ineffective, cumbersome, and unbelievably NON-intuitive registration for SAM. I would have given up the entire effort if not for her help.”

—Gary Kallmeyer

**Crystaltop, LLC, Davenport**

“Charles Wheeler was very knowledgeable and listened to my plan and then made recommendations based on my vision. I have met with him since and he has given me references for attorneys and website designers to get me to the next step. He has not only helped me but he has been very encouraging as well.”

—Zack Thomas