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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.

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**Client Testimonials**

**Sea Shutters, Marianna**

“[Our consultant] Len Eichler has been our Florida SBDC consultant for a number of years. His insights and suggestions have been extremely helpful and productive. Our company has seen a vast improvement in both sales and customer engagement due to his diligence and assistance. We plan on some major improvements in the next 2-3 years, and I am planning on leaning heavily on his knowledge and expertise.”

—Derek Preston

**Cindale Farms, Marianna**

“The Florida SBDC was wonderful to work with. The [Emergency Bridge] loan process was very straightforward, which we appreciated. We had a great conversation with the Florida SBDC and the time that we were required to work on the loan was minimal.”

—Meghan Austin

**Great Oak Pet Resort, Marianna**

When asked how helpful the Florida SBDC was with applying for a State of Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan, Vicki Fuqua said, “Extremely helpful! Didn’t know how I was going to finance the deficit in business and income due to the storm. [My Florida SBDC consultant] Dorian Zwierewicz, was very professional and patient in explaining how the Bridge Loan worked and what I needed to complete the process.”

—Vicki Fuqua