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

$1 \rightarrow \$52

$2.5 Billion

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

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 ( #[27x27] ) 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

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**District 79**

**Client Testimonials**

**Tamu Cupcakery, LLC, Lehigh Acres**

“Our consultant is very professional and informative. He helped me avoid pitfalls and assisted me with locating resources.”

—Charmonica Spivey

**Best Vision Associates, Lehigh Acres**

“I was previously unaware of the Florida SBDC and the resources available to me. I also had little knowledge of business terminology and business practices including writing a solid business plan. My consultant made the class enjoyable and easy to understand. Coming from a background with both a bachelor’s and master’s in education, this was a great way for me to develop and walk away with the tools that I needed to begin to understand how to develop and create a business plan that would propel my business idea forward.”

—Katrina Best

**Ascent Fragrances, North Fort Myers**

“The Florida SBDC has been a very important resource. They have not only been helpful in answering any questions, they have been proactive in giving as much education and information as possible to empower me as a business owner.”

—Jessenia Peralta

**Kirby’s School of Wake, Fort Myers**

“Duane Hoversten [my consultant] was a major help to our business. I would recommend him to anyone in business.”

—Kirby Liesmann

**Medical Prosthesis & Hair Designers, Lehigh Acres**

“Julio Estremera [my consultant] was the biggest help I needed to understand the business summary of the company brand. Sitting down with him week after week preparing the business motto and plan was the exact knowledge I needed to complete this project.”

—Johnathan Jimenez

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