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

$1 → $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 ( []) from the tens of thousands of small businesses we assist each year.

### Client Testimonials

**Shade Software Solutions, LLC, Lake Worth**

“[The Florida SBDC] provided cut to the chase advice, with outside the box strategic thinking to nurture and refine business ideas, while being keen in identifying and navigating opportunities.”

— Lasalle Anderson

**Heavenly Faces, Greenacres**

“[My consultant] James Deam was very helpful with insights that I would need to start my business. He was very knowledgeable and helpful.”

— Sharon Jones

**McGrAWESOME ent. LLC, West Palm Beach**

“[My consultant] Katherine has been a priceless resource for me. She is a professional, knowledgeable, and compassionate consultant that has always been available to lead. Her own personal journey as a professional woman has been inspiring to me. She has motivated me to work even harder toward the achievement of my goals and dreams. Any success that I’ve had as a business owner can definitely, in part, be attributed to the sound advice and guidance I received as a result of Katherine mentoring me.”

— Gail Lucas

**Audio Video Systems, Inc., West Palm Beach**

“[My Florida SBDC consultant] She’s good at creating ongoing relationships and proactively reaches out to make her [small business] clients aware of potential opportunities.”

— Angela Barnard

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