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.

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Cynanotary, LLC, Lauderdale
“[My consultant] Mr. Gadson was professional and gave me lots of things to get done which I’m still working on. He shared some of his mistakes and encouraged me to keep pushing ahead. He was open to all my questions and gave me suggestions on making people aware of what I do.”

—Sonya Parks

BacNdaday, LLC, Sunrise
“Mr. Gadson was tremendous in answering all my questions and supporting my ideas. I would say he’s the equivalent to a ‘head coach’. He nurtures your dream, develops your talent, then puts you in the game to win.”

—Randy Randall

Love & Warmth Project, Lauderdale Lakes
“Without the Florida SBDC, the process [applying for an Emergency Bridge Loan after Hurricane Irma] would not have been easy. The consultants were kind in giving information. They never rushed me, and they explained thoroughly. It’s as if they removed the brick wall that was before me.”

—Veronica Wallace

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