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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**

### District 23 Resources:

- [Florida SBDC at USF](#)
  Tampa (813) 905-5800
- [Florida SBDC at FGCU](#)
  Fort Myers (239) 745-3700

### Additional regional office locations:

- Florida SBDC at UWF
  Pensacola (850) 474-2528
- Florida SBDC at FAMU
  Tallahassee (850) 599-3407
- Florida SBDC at UNF
  Jacksonville (904) 620-2476
- Florida SBDC at UCF
  Orlando (407) 420-4850
- Florida SBDC at IRSC
  Fort Pierce (772) 462-4942
- Florida SBDC at FAU
  Fort Lauderdale (954) 762-5235
- Florida SBDC at FIU
  Miami (305) 779-9230

### District 23

#### Client Testimonials

**medAppraise, Inc., Sarasota**

“Our consultant was helpful in our understanding of and prepping for a DOD grant application. Being our first, there was a great deal we didn’t understand. He was instrumental in providing guidance through the solicitation process.”

—Sandra Chororos

**Blue Dolphin Cafe, Inc., Sarasota**

“The Florida SBDC provided a [Florida Small Business Emergency] Bridge Loan [after Hurricane Irma] and subsequent long-term loan which assisted in keeping my business afloat. I was able to pay rents, buy replacement equipment, and pay the employees wages. Without the financial assistance, I would have had to close my businesses.”

—William R. Ball

**American Fire & Security LLC, Nokomis**

“The Florida SBDC was very informative in helping us with our website, getting set up with SAM, and many other aspects of bidding on government jobs. I have already recommended them to other people I know…”

—Laura Sullivan

**Gulfside Mortgage Services powered by The Mortgage, Venice**

“The information provided by [my consultant] Patricia at the Florida SBDC was very informative and really helped us step back and look at our business from the outside. After working with them last year our production increased.”

—Tony Moore

**Accurate Gas & Plumbing, North Port**

“We are thankful that the Florida SBDC was there for loan [assistance] during the quick downward trend in business due to the hurricane in the fall of 2017. It helped us secure a credit line to move ahead when customers canceled jobs at a high rate of speed as they had home damages and business damages to attend to. We are thankful we were able to stay in business and move ahead.”

—Keith Remer