

Statewide 2019 Prosperity Report

SERVICE SNAPSHOT

12,535
Existing & aspiring
business owners
consulted

114,064
Consulting hours
delivered

Consulting Client Breakdown

5,685 or **45%**
Women

1,789 or **14%**
Veterans & SCDVs

5,779 or **46%**
Minorities

BUSINESS & ECONOMIC OUTCOMES

Sales
generated* **\$4.4B**

Gov't Contracts
acquired** **\$496.5M**

Capital
accessed** **\$255.3M**

Jobs Impacted
direct, indirect, induced* **37,966**

Cost per Job
to Florida taxpayers* **\$269**

For every state \$1 invested in the Florida SBDC,
\$50 is returned to the state in tax revenue.*



**\$2.5
Billion**

GRP IMPACT

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



HELPING BUSINESSES GROW & SUCCEED

Small businesses are critical to Florida's economy, employing more than 40 percent of the state's private sector workforce and contributing nearly half of the state's GDP. Yet, small businesses face unique challenges unlike their larger business counterparts.

State designated as Florida's principal provider of small business assistance [Fla. Stat. § 288.001], the Florida Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Network provides consulting, training, and research to help small businesses grow and succeed.

At no cost to the business, the Florida SBDC Network provides one-on-one consulting to help small business owners realize opportunities, overcome obstacles, and achieve success. With our headquarters at the University of West Florida in Pensacola, nine regional offices, and more than 40 centers, we provide business owners with convenient access to expertise and resources throughout the state.

Our team of professional business consultants and specialists hold certifications and expertise across all industries and business needs, including

- strategic market research,
- access to capital,
- disaster preparedness and recovery,
- international trade,
- government contracting,
- cybersecurity, and more.

Since our inception in 1976, we have assisted more than 1.2 million small businesses, resulting in a long history of positive revenue and economic growth for the state.

Our clients tell our story best. Read a sampling of testimonials (➔) from the tens of thousands of small businesses we assist each year.



Statewide Partnership Program

9 REGIONS • 40+ CENTERS
50+ OUTREACH LOCATIONS

Network Headquarters

Pensacola (850) 898-3479



Find the regional office nearest you:

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 USF
Tampa (813) 905-5800

Florida SBDC at FGCU
Fort Myers (239) 745-3700

Florida SBDC at IRSC
Fort Pierce (772) 462-4942

Florida SBDC at FAU
Boca Raton/Fort Lauderdale
(954) 762-5235

Florida SBDC at FIU
Miami (305) 779-9230

Client Testimonials



Florida Rum Company, Hollywood

"[Because of COVID] all of a sudden... we had no business anymore... Very quickly, we realized that there actually is a viable business opportunity for us... We shifted gears, more or less, overnight from producing rum beverage alcohol to manufacturing hand sanitizer, and as part of that transition, we staffed up to 50 employees. The Florida SBDC gave me a sympathetic ear and kind of the motivation to keep going when things looked the weakest... We're currently working with the SBDC now on an export marketing plan to export our sanitizer and alcohol."

—Victor Olshansky, Founder



Xtremely Clean Janitorial Service, Tampa

"I got in contact with the Florida SBDC [at Hillsborough County] and they gave me guidance in regards to where I need to be and what I need to do [to diversify by adding government contracts] and that's part of the reason why I feel like I am where I'm at today. They have been a tremendous support to my company." Today, owner Wanda Barton has more than 90 employees and has landed approximately 18 recurring government contracts – some worth millions. Even with her success, COVID added a new set of challenges in keeping the business afloat. She reached out to the SBDC again for guidance in applying for state and federal disaster loans, and secured a six figure PPP loan to sustain her staff.

—Wanda Barton, Founder



Casa Gioia, Miami

"I just wanted to thank you, Brian and Jesus for your help during these difficult times. We are very grateful to all of you for always keeping us on the loop with SBA financial aids and walking us through the process. Thanks to you, Casa Gioia was able to receive \$25,000 through the EIDL and we are so very grateful for that. We are very blessed to have met you and have you in our lives!"

—Mari Rubio, Owner

The Florida SBDC Network is a statewide partnership program nationally accredited by the Association of America's SBDCs and funded in part by the U.S. SBA, DLA, State of Florida, and other private and public partners, with UWF serving as the network's lead host institution. Florida SBDC services are extended to the public on a nondiscriminatory basis. Language assistance services are available for individuals with limited English proficiency.

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