



**We are excited to announce the  
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**Charles "Tee" Rowe**

America's SBDC President/CEO

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"These exceptional leaders bring invaluable experience and fresh perspectives that will strengthen our mission of empowering small businesses across America. I'm confident their strategic insights will help expand our impact and strengthen the vital role SBDCs play in America's economy."

**Charles "Tee" Rowe**

America's SBDC President/CEO

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"I am humbled and excited to be elected Chair of the Board of Directors of America's SBDC and I look forward to working with the new board to move the association forward. America's SBDC and its 63 networks is the largest provider of no-cost business advisory services for small businesses across our country, serving almost 300,000 small businesses last year. As small businesses grow our economy thrives. My goal is for America's SBDC to support all 63 networks, as we focus on continuous improvement, to deliver the highest quality of service to our small business clients."

**Byron Hicks**

Chair, North Carolina SBTDC Executive State Director

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