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**America's SBDCs Host Inaugural SBDC Day March 22**  
Nation's Largest Business Assistance Network Invites Small Businesses,  
Communities Nationwide to Join the Celebration

**Burke, VA** – Business has changed dramatically over the last 37 years, and the America's Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Network has been there throughout. Since 1980, America's SBDCs—the nation's largest business assistance network—have helped aspiring and emerging small business owners achieve the American dream of entrepreneurship.

With nearly 1,000 locations across the country, SBDCs provide local businesses and entrepreneurs with the resources needed to succeed. In 2015, America's SBDCs provided 1.3 million hours of consulting to 192,205 client businesses, resulting in 100,233 jobs created; \$6.9 billion in sales growth; \$4.6 billion in capital investments; and 17,864 new businesses started.

To celebrate the collective impact and success SBDCs have across the nation and in local communities each year, America's SBDCs are hosting the first SBDC Day on March 22. SBDC Day is a national movement to help share the small business success stories and notable impact SBDCs have fostered in communities nationwide.

“We are thrilled to see SBDCs around the country working together to celebrate their clients and showcase the work they do for America's small businesses,” said Charles “Tee” Rowe, America's SBDC President & CEO. “SBDC clients see an average job growth of 15.5 percent versus the national job growth average of just 1.9 percent. There is no denying the impact SBDCs have on the success of the small businesses in their communities and their local economies.”

“SBDC Day is more than a one-day event,” said Michael W. Myhre, America's SBDC Board Chairman. “By celebrating small businesses and supporting SBDCs on SBDC Day and year-round, everyone can play a part in strengthening our nation's economy.”

To learn more about SBDC Day, and to join the movement, visit  
<http://www.americassbdc.org/SBDCDay>.

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**About America's SBDC Program:** America's SBDC (Small Business Development Center) Network is a partnership uniting private enterprise, government, higher education and local nonprofit economic development organizations. It is the Small Business Administration's largest partnership program, providing management and technical assistance to help Americans start, run and grow their own businesses. Learn more at [www.americassbdc.org](http://www.americassbdc.org).