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America's SBDC Congratulates President-Elect Trump, New Congress

America's Nationwide Network of SBDCs Ready to Work with New Administration, Congress to Support Interests, Needs of Small Businesses

BURKE, VA. – America's SBDC, the association representing America's nationwide network of SBDCs, offers its congratulations to President-elect Donald J. Trump and the 115th Congress.

As the nation's proven, cost-effective, and accredited network focused on small businesses, America's SBDC looks forward to working with President-elect Trump and the new Congress as they take office on policies that solve challenges facing small businesses, which comprise 99.7 percent of all businesses in the country and employ nearly half of the nation's private sector workforce.

"America's SBDC congratulates President-elect Donald Trump on his election," said C.E. "Tee" Rowe, President and CEO of America's SBDC. "We look forward to working with him, his administration and the incoming Congress in supporting America's small businesses, the most vital, vibrant and important sector of our economy. Small business is the lifeblood of our Nation and represents the strength and diversity of all our citizens. "

"On behalf of our 63 SBDC networks and the one million small business owners and aspiring entrepreneurs we serve each year, congratulations to President-elect Trump on his election," said America's SBDC Board Chairman Michael W. Myhre. "Small businesses create millions of jobs, build wealth, and add to the vibrancy of our communities. "

Founded in 1980, America's SBDC is a nonpartisan partnership program uniting universities, colleges, and economic development organizations. The mission of America's nationwide network of SBDCs is to help new entrepreneurs realize the dream of business ownership, and to assist existing businesses to remain competitive in the complex marketplace of an ever-changing global economy.

In 2015, America's SBDCs provided 1.3 million hours of consulting to 196,330 client businesses, resulting in 98,660 jobs created; \$7.1 billion in sales growth; \$4.85 billion in capital investments; and 17,207 new businesses started.

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