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America's SBDCs Host 2nd Annual SBDC Day

**Nation's Largest Business Assistance Network Invites Small Businesses,
Communities Nationwide to Join the Celebration**

Burke, VA –For nearly 40 years the America's Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Network has helped aspiring and emerging small business owners achieve the American dream of entrepreneurship. Today SBDCs from around the country are coming together for one special day to celebrate their impact on the success of our nation's dreamers, innovators and doers – America's small businesses

With nearly 1,000 locations across the country, SBDCs provide local businesses and entrepreneurs with the resources needed to succeed. In 2016, America's SBDCs provided 1.24 million hours of consulting to 188,602 client businesses, resulting in 96,095 jobs created; \$6.4 billion in sales growth; \$5.16 billion in capital investments; and 17,174 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 second annual SBDC Day today, March 21. SBDC Day is a national movement to help share the small business success stories and notable impact SBDCs have fostered in communities nationwide.

SBDC partners and supporters are celebrating the day by participating in the national SBDC Day Ambassador program which is designed for organizations and businesses to get involved in SBDC Day and show their support through social media, blogs and newsletters. We are incredibly grateful to the following organizations for their support of SBDC Day; Constant Contact, Small Business Administration (SBA), Intuit, BizBuySell, NASBITE, Nav, XERO, FranNet, ComplyRight, Flight by Finagraph, Zoho, Kepley Biosystems, West Virginia Department of Commerce and Gun Barrel City Economic Development Corporation.

"It's great to see SBDCs, their clients and supporters come together to celebrate SBDCs and their amazing clients. With SBDC support small businesses around the country raised over \$5 billion in capital and created nearly 100,000 jobs," said Charles "Tee" Rowe, President & CEO of America's SBDC.

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