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Chip Templeton is the director of the Mississippi State University Small Business Development Center in the MSU College of Business in Starkville, MS. He joined the Mississippi Small Business Development Center team in 2016 to serve the 10 county region of the MSU SBDC, which includes a satellite office in Meridian.

In addition, he serves as the team lead of the newly created MSU SBDC Cybersecurity specialty center for the Mississippi Small Business Development Center. The center provides videos, training material, as well as business counseling to businesses to better equip business owner on cybersecurity and data protection.

Prior to joining the MSU Small Business Development Center, he served in the MSU Extension Service as a regional broadband specialist serving a 19 county area. With a focus on telehealth, Templeton later served as the telehealth education manager in the Department of Food Science, Nutrition, and Health Promotion.

He served on the advisory board of the South Central Telehealth Resource Center at University of Arkansas Little Rock serving the states of Mississippi, Arkansas, and Tennessee. In 2016, he was awarded the *Curtis L. Lowery, Jr., MD, Telehealth Champion Award* from the SCTRC.

Templeton is a long-time business owner in the Starkville, MS area working in a variety of family businesses including as owner and dealer principle of Templeton Cadillac-Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep for over 28 years.