

Laura Overstreet joined the Tennessee SBDC team in 2013 as a Business Specialist. She now serves as the Director for the TSBDC in Knoxville, TN. Pellissippi State Community College serves as the center's host institution. During her time with the SBDC Overstreet has served as a Business Specialist and Export Specialist. She earned her Certified Export Specialist designation as well as her Certified Global Business Professional designation. Since joining the SBDC Overstreet has assisted small businesses generate over \$29,000,000 in capital formation and helped 85 entrepreneurs start a business.

Prior to joining the SBDC, Overstreet owned and operated her own retail business for 17 years. Overstreet bootstrapped the business with \$40,000 and built sales to \$2.5MM at peak before brokering the sale of the business. During her years in business, Overstreet received the Athena Leadership Award and the Sam Walton Business Leader Award.

Laura's team recognize her dedication and commitment to her community, witnessing her expertise, professionalism and willingness to learn in an effort to serve more individuals, they believe Laura is deserving of this national recognition.