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Andrea O'Brien, long-time SBDC business advisor in the Merrimack Valley/Southern Region, is our lead Inclusivity Commitment advisor. She will focus her expert advising and educating within New Hampshire's communities of color as part of the Community Navigator program.

In addition to this new role, Andrea will continue as the director of the statewide Business Sustainability Program, through which she helps NH SBDC clients across the state form stronger companies by identifying the company's risk of environmental and business resiliency, promoting sustainability protocols and practices, refining their management practices to achieve practical, and sustainable business operations. Andrea has helped numerous small businesses and manufacturers to identify management solutions through on-site assessments and training.

Andrea possesses 30 years of experience in serving businesses and industries in the environmental management field. She held positions in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, and as a consultant for financial institutions requiring environmental assessments on non-performing loan portfolios. Her prior work experience also includes Senior Associate Engineer at IBM where she developed the company's hazardous waste management program in Burlington, Vermont and Poughkeepsie, New York. Currently, Andrea is ambitiously hiking all 48 of the 4,000 foot mountains in NH. Andrea holds a B.S. in Chemistry from University of Maine-Orono.