

### Resource Partners

SBA's Resource Partners deliver free or low cost counseling, mentoring, and training throughout the US and its territories to entrepreneurs and small business owners. To find locations nearest you, utilize the [Local Assistance Tool](#) on SBA.gov.

#### ▶ **Small Business Development Centers:**

The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Program provides professional business counseling free of charge as well as low cost training using an effective education network of 63 Lead Centers and more than 900 service delivery points. The program has a nationwide footprint found in every U.S. state and US Territory. Each SBDC is made up of a unique collaboration of SBA, state and local governments, and private sector funding resources. SBDCs provide a wide array of technical assistance to small businesses and aspiring entrepreneurs through extensive one-on-one long-term counseling, training and specialized services. SBDCs provide clients with professional business assistance regarding business plans, market research, financial preparation packages, cash flow, and procurement contracts to name a few. Some SBDCs also have International Trade Centers and some are classified by a special emphasis on Technology.

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#### ▶ **Women's Business Centers:**

With more than 100 locations, WBCs promote the growth of women-owned businesses through programs that address business training and technical assistance, and provide access to credit and capital, federal contracts, and international trade opportunities. Through the management and technical assistance provided by the WBCs, entrepreneurs are offered comprehensive training and counseling on a vast array of to help them start and grow their own businesses. Each women's business center tailors its services to the needs of its individual community and often WBCs provide the assistance in other languages to meet the diverse needs of the community. WBCs also provide services in the evenings and weekends to provide opportunities outside of regular working hours.

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#### ▶ **SCORE:**

SCORE is a non-profit association dedicated to providing entrepreneurs with free, confidential business counseling through a network of over 11,000 volunteer business counselors, more than 300 chapters, and an award-winning website [www.SCORE.org](http://www.SCORE.org). SCORE provides business counseling and training workshops in person through their local chapters and volunteers. Additionally, SCORE offers live webinars and tools online through their website and small businesses can search online for a mentor that fits their needs. Since its inception, SCORE has served more than 10 million entrepreneurs and small business owners through mentoring, counseling, and coaching sessions.