

## Did you know...

A **new business** is opened every 4 hours and 25 minutes with SBDC assistance?

**80%** of businesses started with SBDC assistance are **still in business** 8 years later?

Services are provided by **experienced, professional** staff?

The SBDCs are an **integrated network** of 18 centers and **over 100** outreach **locations**?

A **new job** is created every 1 hour and 7 minutes because of SBDC assistance?

More **manufacturers** are assisted by the SBDC program than any other economic development program?

More **women** entrepreneurs are assisted by the SBDCs than other economic development programs?

Can draw upon the resources of its **national network** of more than 1,100 centers?

Congress mandates the program must be **accredited** to receive funding?

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection has contracted its small business **compliance assistance** program to the SBDC?

SBDCs help create a new job at a **cost** of only **\$1,379/job**?

The Pennsylvania Small Business Development Centers provided over 3,714 hours of business consulting to more than 499 **technology companies** in 2008 and assisted them in obtaining nearly \$15 million in financing and grants?

Each year more than 1,000 **Veteran entrepreneurs** are assisted by the SBDC?

SBDC clients increased **export sales** of Pennsylvania products and services by **\$52,078,800** in 2008?

The SBDC's are **prohibited from charging fees** for consulting?

The SBDCs helped clients raise **\$217,184,120** in start-up and expansion **capital**? Every \$1 invested in the SBDC enabled small businesses to access \$20 in new capital.

The program is **funded as a partnership** between the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the U.S. Small Business Administration and the host universities?

The SBDCs provide a **return on investment of \$7** in **new tax revenue** for every \$1 invested?

**More entrepreneurs** are helped by the SBDCs than all other state-funded economic development programs?