

be found in every U.S. state, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, American Samoa and the U.S. Virgin Islands. SBDCs provide professional business counseling free of charge along with low cost training.

To reach the millions of small businesses across the U.S., SBDC assistance is available virtually anywhere: From rural circuit riders in Alaska to marine services in the Outer Banks of North Carolina. Many centers are located within or are co-located with: Local economic development entities; chambers of commerce; Department of Defense's Procurement Technical Assistance Centers; The Department of Commerce's Manufacturing Extension Partnership sites; and community colleges. Some SBDCs also have International Trade Centers and some are classified by a special emphasis on Technology.

Lead Center SBDCs hosts include:

- 49 University-sponsored Lead SBDCs.

2 SBDC locations are located at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (Howard University in Washington, DC and the University of the Virgin Islands, U.S.V.I.).

- 7 Community college-sponsored Lead SBDCs.

Dallas-TX, OR, NM, AZ, San Diego-CA, Los Angeles, CA, and American Samoa.

- 7 State-sponsored Lead SBDCs (CO, IL, IN, MN, MT, OH, & WV).

Program Objectives

The SBDC program uses Federal funds to leverage the resources of states, academic institutions and the private sector to:

- (a) Strengthen the nation's small business communities;
- (b) increase local economic growth;
- (c) ensure inclusiveness by broadening the impact of SBDC technical assistance to underserved markets.

SBDC Program Organization

1. Through a partnership between SBA and institutions of higher education and state government, a network of 63 lead SBDCs are managed by the Office of Small Business Development Centers (OSBDC). The local District Offices have a Project Officer to ensure each SBDC provides quality services and is in compliance with its negotiated Cooperative Agreement with the SBA. OSBDC has six Program Managers who each have a portfolio of 10–12 SBDCs for which they are responsible for SBDC performance management. OSBDC also has three Grants Managers along with a finance

staff who oversee the issuance and budget aspects of the Cooperative Agreement. SBDCs operate on the basis of an annual proposed plan to provide assistance within a state or geographic area. The initial plan must have the written approval of the Governor. Non-Federal funds must match Federal funds by 1:1.

SBDC Services

An SBDC must have a full range of business development and technical assistance services in its area of operations, supporting local small business needs, SBA priorities and established SBDC program objectives. Services include training and professional business advising to existing and prospective small business owners in all areas of small firm establishment and growth, including: Management; online and social media and marketing; finance and access to capital; exporting and international trade; manufacturing; and business operations, including disaster mitigation.

The SBA district office and the SBDC negotiate annually through this funding announcement the specific mix of services and best use of program funds to meet mutually agreed upon annual milestones, giving particular attention to SBA's annual priorities and special emphasis groups, including veterans, women, the disabled, and other minorities.

SBDC Program Requirements

An SBDC must meet required programmatic and financial requirements established by statute, regulations, other program directive and its Cooperative Agreement. Following these guidelines an SBDC must:

- (a) Provide services that are accessible to all persons, especially those who identify as disabled;
- (b) open all service centers during normal business hours of the community or during the normal business hours of its state or academic Host Organization, throughout the year;
- (c) develop working relationships with financial institutions, the investment communities, professional associations, private consultants and local small business groups;
- (d) establish a lead center which operates and oversees a statewide or regional network of SBDC service centers;
- (e) have a full-time Director; and
- (f) expend at least 80 percent of the Federal funds to provide direct client services to small businesses.

Dated: June 24, 2016.

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Associate Administrator for Small Business Development Centers.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Disaster Declaration #14740 and #14741]

Texas Disaster Number TX–00473

AGENCY: U.S. Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Amendment 2.

SUMMARY: This is an amendment of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for Public Assistance Only for the State of Texas (FEMA–4269–DR), dated 06/03/2016.

Incident: Severe Storms and Flooding.

Incident Period: 04/17/2016 through 04/30/2016.

Effective Date: 06/29/2016.

Physical Loan Application Deadline Date: 08/02/2016.

Economic Injury (EIDL) Loan Application Deadline Date: 03/03/2017.

ADDRESSES: Submit completed loan applications to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street SW., Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The notice of the President's major disaster declaration for Private Non-Profit organizations in the State of TEXAS, dated 06/03/2016, is hereby amended to include the following areas as adversely affected by the disaster.

Primary Counties: Anderson, Cass, Cherokee, Fort Bend, Harrison, Jones, Liberty, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt, Wood.

All other information in the original declaration remains unchanged.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 59008)

James E. Rivera,

Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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