



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
OF SOLANO COUNTY

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**Workforce Development Board of Solano County plays new host to
The Solano County Small Business Development Center**



FAIRFIELD, CA – The Workforce Development Board (WDB) of Solano County is pleased to officially announce it has been selected by the NorCal Small Business Development Center as the new host of the Solano County Small Business Development Center (SBDC). This marks the first time the WDB has hosted the SBDC here in Solano County, and now has become one of just a handful of workforce boards in the state to provide small business support services to their respective community.

The Small Business Development Center in Solano County is a necessary element for the economic growth and diversity in Solano County. With small businesses (50 employees or less) making up approximately 90% of businesses in Solano County, they are the truly the job creators and sales drivers at the heart of the business community. This grant will enable the WDB, along with a consortium of other small business stakeholders, such as local chambers of commerce and economic development agencies to establish a county-wide collaborative investment in small business development to help grow our regional economy.

In Solano County under the SBDC model, the WDB through a team of business consultants will be providing technical assistance (i.e. capital access, business consultations) and employment training resources to existing and emerging small businesses. Solano County's SBDC will have a particular focus on the expansion of small businesses and post-start-ups in the food & beverage, healthcare, transportation, advanced manufacturing, and tourism industries. With the goal of enhancing Solano County's economic vitality, the WDB will now be expanding the SBDC locations and services by establishing satellite offices and outreach centers in Vallejo, Benicia, Vacaville, and Fairfield.

Historically the Solano County SBDC's work has been supported by cities and non-profit organizations throughout the county, and the WDB is excited to partner with these agencies to deliver the much needed services to our small business community.

"By hosting the SBDC program we have the ability to prepare entrepreneurs and small business owners' in Solano County with a competitive advantage and the tools needed to thrive in the North Bay's growing economy," said the WDB's Executive Director, Heather Henry. "We are extremely proud to host the SBDC and helping to grow our local economy."

The Solano SBDC Center will be a great opportunity for the WDB to support the small businesses in our county and expand our business services offerings. For more information please contact President/Executive Director, Heather Henry at hhenry@solanowdb.org.

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