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State of Ohio Seeking Partners to Help Ohio Small Businesses

The Ohio Development Services Agency (DSA) is seeking partners to help develop and grow Ohio small businesses and entrepreneurs through the Small Business Development Centers (SBDC) Program. This program supports small businesses by offering free counseling, workshops and trainings focused on creating jobs, increasing sales and gaining access to capital.

“98 percent of businesses in Ohio are small businesses and they make up half of all private sector jobs,” said director David Goodman of the Ohio Development Services Agency. “We want to work with business leaders who can provide the best customer service to Ohio small businesses.”

In order to maintain the highest quality services for Ohio small businesses, DSA will be conducting an open competition to select the Ohio SBDC regional partners. Non-profit organizations, economic development organizations and educational institutions with strong experience in business and economic development will be eligible for the program.

The Ohio Development Services Agency (DSA) currently administers the Ohio SBDC program in collaboration with the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) through 27 regional partners.

The request for proposals is now open until June 10, 2016, with awards planned for July 6, 2016. To apply, visit: www.sbdc.development.ohio.gov

The Ohio SBDC program is managed by DSA’s Office of Small Business and Entrepreneurship and is a state and federal initiative to develop and grow Ohio’s small businesses.

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