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District Director Letter

elcome to the 2019 edition of the U.S. Small Business Administration's New Mexico District Office *Small Business Resource Guide*. The SBA New Mexico District Office partners with local business counselors, lenders, community leaders, and economic development groups to deliver SBA programs and services across our state. The SBA helps make the American dream of small business ownership a reality, helping New Mexico's 160,000 small businesses at every stage of development. We are the only federal agency dedicated to helping our 30 million small businesses start, grow, expand, and recover after a disaster.

Across New Mexico in the last year, we empowered the state's small businesses to:

- Find an ally, advocate or mentor via our SBA Resource Partners, which includes SCORE, Small Business Development Centers, Women's Business Centers, and the Veterans Business Outreach Center, all powered by the SBA.
- Access over \$179 million in SBA-guaranteed loans using 30 local banks, credit unions, community-based lenders, and microlenders. These 365 businesses that received SBA financing have hired thousands of new employees, bought needed equipment, and built or renovated facilities.

Federal contracts create jobs in our communities and boost the local economy. The federal government met its small business contracting goal for the fifth consecutive year in 2017-2018, awarding a record \$105 billion to small businesses, \$2.1 billion of which came to small businesses in New Mexico.

Stay up to date on SBA events near you and get valuable New Mexico business information by following us on Twitter at @SBA_NewMexico. Register for email updates at **sba.gov/updates**. Use our Small Business Resource Guide to power your dream of

starting, growing, or expanding your small business here in New Mexico.

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LOCAL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE



ebecca Fyffe first worked at ABC Humane Wildlife Control & Prevention Inc., a pest control business in suburban Chicago, Illinois, for a college summer job. She was on a different career path when she got a call from her old employer. The president of ABC needed to take a medical sabbatical, and the company wanted Fyffe to take over in his absence. Fyffe had studied public policy, pre-law, and epidemiology in addition to university-level research on pesticides. Not content with just keeping the seat warm, Fyffe began making improvements to the company's operations during her year at the helm. "Because of that I was made CEO, she says. That was in 2001. Fyffe was just 25 years old, the youngest pest control company CEO in the nation and one of only a few women in a business dominated by men.

She continued to look for ways to grow the company. At the time, ABC focused its efforts solely on nuisance wildlife control. Fyffe saw a lucrative opportunity in urban bird management. She had long been concerned about pigeons. Growing up, one of her young cousins contracted encephalitis from pigeon droppings, which led to epilepsy, blindness, and eventually death. Fyffe studied the birds and how to mitigate their threat, which brought her to the conclusion that improvements could be made in urban pigeon control. She found more effective solutions were needed to make the mitigation material more durable for city use. Fyffe knew she could do better, but to get the new venture off the ground, ABC needed to borrow money to invest in training, equipment, and insurance. The company was hesitant to take on the financial risk, so Fyffe offered an alternative solution: allow her to launch a new company that would specialize in pigeon management. She would run that company in addition to her duties at ABC.

She launched Landmark Pest Management in 2010 with four employees. Fyffe still needed to borrow money, which would be more difficult now that she didn't have an established business standing behind her. Thanks to workshops hosted by the SBA-supported Women's Business Development Center, Fyffe applied for an SBA-backed 7(a) loan through Chase Bank. A conventional loan would have allowed her to mortgage the warehouse facility she needed, but nothing more.

"We would have maxed out our ability to borrow," Fyffe says. "That would not have worked for our business." Because of SBA backing, Chase was willing to offer Fyffe a larger line of credit, which allowed her to get the warehouse as well as the uniforms, tools, and materials she needed. "We couldn't have done it without the SBA," she says.

Landmark established its reputation from its first contract, installing netting on a bridge project in Chicago. This bridge became the Chicago Transit Authority's showpiece for bird control. Within two years, Landmark was one of the main companies providing bird deterrent systems in Chicago. Fyffe used the money she made to purchase ABC and merge the two companies in 2012.





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Rebecca FyffeFounder
Landmark Pest Management

The company has grown to 85 employees with 50 trucks on the road every day, working alongside the biggest construction firms in the country. Still, Fyffe challenges herself by finding ways to expand the company. In addition to its work in Illinois, Landmark does business in Michigan, Indiana, and Missouri. Fyffe is considering expansion to California and New York.

Landmark has continued to use its science-based methodology and proprietary technology to expand its offerings. The company is a leader in bedbug science, pioneering a special DNA test to detect infestations with a relatively small sample. Fyffe's team is also testing a new nontoxic fungi spore that could be used to kill the pests. The company's fastest growing sector is food production applications. Inspectors shut down factories if they find a pest, even if the animal has already been caught in a trap. Fyffe's company developed a trap that is equipped with sensors that allow Landmark to dispatch technicians as soon as a pest is captured. Although Fyffe has used conventional loans for these expansions, she credits her first SBA-backed loan and her Women's Business Development Center guidance with teaching her how to craft a growth plan and pitch ideas to lenders.

"We might not have been able to access that without the SBA," she says.

SBA Resource Partners

No matter your industry, location, or experience, if you have a dream, the SBA is here to help you realize it. Our SBA Resource Partners extend our reach, offering free or low-cost mentoring, counseling, and training to help you start-up and thrive at all stages of the business life cycle.

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980 Small Business Development Centers

100 Women's Business Centers

20 Veterans Business Outreach Centers

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WOMEN'S BUSINESS CENTERS

Women entrepreneurs receive essential business training from this national network of community-based centers. Each center tailors its services to help you navigate the challenges women often face when starting or growing their business. For your nearest Women's Business Center, visit **sba.gov/women**.

VETERANS BUSINESS OUTREACH CENTERS

Veteran and military entrepreneurs receive business training, counseling and mentoring, and referrals to other SBA Resource Partners at a Veterans Business Outreach Center, **sba.gov/vboc**. These are also the places to receive procurement guidance, which can help your business better compete for government contracts. VBOCs also serve active duty service members, National Guard or Reserve members, veterans of any era, and military spouses.

Our Local SBA Resource Partners

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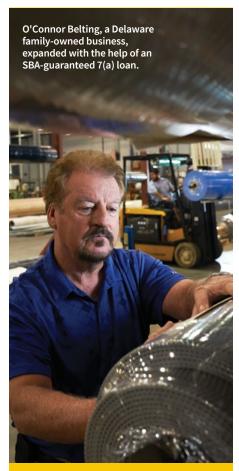
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Veteran entrepreneurs or small business owners can receive business training, counseling and mentoring, and referrals to other SBA Resource Partners at a Veterans Business Outreach Center, sba.gov/ **vboc**. This is also the place to receive procurement guidance, which can help your business better compete for government contracts. **Director Richard Coffel** 5201 Eagle Rock Ave. Northeast, suite 2A Albuquerque (505) 383-2403 Fax (505) 383-2413

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Your Advocates

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» when you need economic and small

The SBA's Office of Advocacy also independently represents small business and advances its concerns before Congress, the White House, federal agencies, federal courts, and state policy makers.

Advocacy

When you need a voice within the federal government for your interests as a small business owner, the SBA's regional advocates are here to assist. The advocates analyze the effects of proposed regulations and consider alternatives that minimize the economic burden on small businesses, governmental jurisdictions, and nonprofits. Find your regional advocate at sba.gov/advocacy.

Your advocate helps with these small business issues:

- » if your business could be negatively affected by regulations proposed by the government
- » if you have contracting issues with a federal agency

Ombudsman

business statistics

Entrepreneurs who have an issue with an existing federal regulation or policy can receive assistance from the SBA's national ombudsman.

The ombudsman's office helps you:

- » resolve regulatory disputes with federal agencies
- » reduce unfair penalties and fines

To report how a proposed federal regulation could unfairly affect you, find your regional SBA advocate at **sba.gov/advocacy**.

To submit a comment about how your business has been hurt by an existing regulation, visit sba.gov/ombudsman/comments

- » seek remedies when rules are inconsistently applied
- » recover payment for services done by government contractors

Make your voice heard by participating in a Regional Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Roundtable or a public hearing hosted by the SBA's national ombudsman. These events are posted periodically on the ombudsman website, **sba.gov/ombudsman**.

To submit a comment or complaint through the online form, visit sba.gov/ombudsman/comments. Your concerns will be directed to the appropriate federal agency for review. The SBA will collaborate with you and the agency to help resolve the issue.

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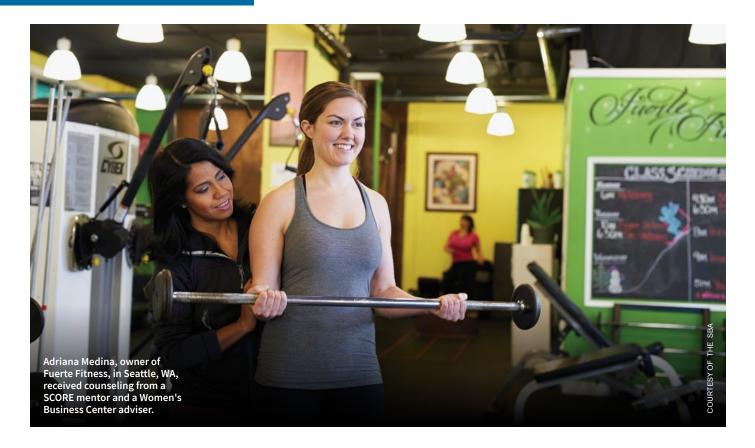
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How to Start a Business in New Mexico

Thinking of starting a business? Here are the nuts & bolts.

The Startup Logistics

Even if you're running a home-based business, you will have to comply with many local, state, and federal regulations. Do not ignore regulatory details. You may avoid some red tape in the beginning, but your lack of compliance could become an obstacle as your business grows. Taking the time to research the applicable regulations is as important as knowing your market. Carefully investigate the laws affecting your industry. Being out of compliance could leave you unprotected legally, lead to expensive penalties, and jeopardize your business.

Market Research

Need to do research on your clients and location? View consumer and business data for your area using the Census Business Builder: Small Business Edition, https://cbb.census.gov/sbe. Filter your search by business type and location to view data on your potential customers, including consumer spending, and a summary of existing businesses, available as a map and a report.

Business License & Zoning

Licenses are typically administered by a variety of state and local departments. It is important to consider zoning regulations when choosing a site for your business. Contact the local business license office where you plan to locate your business. You may not be permitted to conduct business out of your home or engage in industrial activity in a retail district.

Name Registration

Register your business name with the county clerk where your business is located. If you're a corporation, also register with the state. The Secretary of State supports New Mexico businesses by registering and authenticating business entities and trademarks, enabling secured creditors to protect their financial interests.

» New Mexico Secretary of State 325 Don Gaspar, suite 300 Santa Fe (800) 477-3632 sos.state.nm.us

Taxes

As a business owner, you should know your federal tax responsibilities and make some basic business decisions to comply with certain tax requirements. The IRS Small Business and Self-Employed Tax Center, **go.usa.gov/xPxYR**, offers information on a variety of topics including: obtaining an Employer Identification Number, paying and filing income tax, virtual workshops, forms, and publications.

Whether you are a new or an experienced business owner, there are new tax law changes that may affect your business. As the IRS works to implement the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, signed into law December 2017, you can access the latest information on **irs.gov/tax-reform** to better understand the new tax law implications and how they affect your bottom line.

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Las Cruces 505 S. Main, suite 149 (575) 526-0161

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New Mexico Taxation & Revenue Department 1100 S. Saint Francis Drive Santa Fe (505) 827-0700

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Social Security

If you have any employees, including officers of a corporation but not the sole proprietor or partners, you must make periodic payments, and/or file quarterly reports about payroll taxes and other mandatory deductions. You can contact the IRS or the Social Security Administration for information, assistance and forms, **socialsecurity. gov/employer** or (800) 772-1213. You can file W-2s online or verify job seekers through the Social Security Number Verification Service.

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The Federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 requires employers to verify employment eligibility of new employees. The law obligates an employer to process Employment Eligibility Verification Form I-9. The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service offers information and assistance through **uscis.gov/i-9-central**. For forms, call (800) 870-3676, for the employer hotline, call (888) 464-4218 or e-mail I-9central@dhs.gov.

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Health & Safety

All businesses with employees are required to comply with state and federal regulations regarding the protection of employees, visit **dol.gov** for information. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration provides information on the specific health and safety standards used by the U.S. Department of Labor, (800) 321-6742 or visit **osha.gov**.

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121 Tijeras Northeast, suite 3000 Albuquerque (505) 841-4400

» New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions

401 Broadway Northeast Albuquerque (877) 664-6984

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» New Mexico Workers Compensation Administration

2410 Centre Ave. Southeast Albuquerque (505) 841-6000

https://workerscomp.nm.gov

» New Mexico OSHA

525 Camino De Los Marquez, suite 3 Santa Fe (505) 476-8700

Employee Insurance

Check with your state laws to see if you are required to provide unemployment or workers' compensation insurance for your employees. For health insurance options, call the Small Business Health Options Program at (800) 706-7893 or visit healthcare.gov/small-businesses/employers.

» New Mexico's Health Insurance Exchange

7601 Jefferson St. Northeast, suite 160 Albuquerque (833) 862-3935

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Environmental Regulations

State assistance is available for small businesses that must comply with environmental regulations under the Clean Air Act. State Small Business Environmental Assistance programs provide free, confidential assistance to help small business owners understand and comply with complex environmental regulations and permitting requirements. These state programs can help businesses reduce emissions at the source, often reducing regulatory burden and saving you money. To learn more about these free services, visit nationalsbeap.org/states/list.

» New Mexico Environment Department

Harold Runnels Building 1190 St. Francis Drive, suite N4050 Santa Fe (505) 827-2855

www.env.nm.gov

Disability Compliance

For assistance with the Americans with Disabilities Act call (800) 669-3362 or visit **ada.gov**.

Child Support

Employers are essential to the success of the child support program and are responsible for collecting 75 percent of support nationwide through payroll deductions. The Office of Child Support Enforcement at Health and Human Services offers employers step-by-step instructions for processing income withholding orders for child support. "A Guide to an Employer's Role in the Child Support Program" is available at the Office of Child Support Enforcement's website at acf.hhs.gov/programs/css > employer responsibilities. You can also find information about other employer responsibilities and tools that can make meeting those responsibilities easier, such as electronic income withholding orders and the Child Support Portal. Send questions to employerservices@acf.hhs.gov.

» New Mexico Child Support Enforcement Division (800) 288-7207

Intellectual Property

Patents, trademarks, and copyrights are types of intellectual property that serve to protect creations and innovations. Intellectual property may be valuable assets for small businesses and entrepreneurs, and are important to consider in the development of any business plan.

Patents and Trademarks

For information and resources about U.S. patents and federally registered trademarks: Visit **uspto.gov** or call the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Help Center at (800) 786-9199. The Texas Regional Office in Dallas, Texas, serves Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Texas, **uspto.gov/texas**.

A patent for an invention is the grant of a property right to an inventor, issued by the patent office. The right conferred by the patent grant is the right to exclude others from making, using, offering for sale, or selling the invention in the United States or importing the invention.

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Write your Business Plan

Your business plan is the foundation of your business. Learn how to write a business plan quickly and efficiently with a business plan template.



Business plans help you run your business

A good business plan guides you through each stage of starting and managing your business. You'll use your business plan as a roadmap for how to structure, run, and grow your new business. It's a way to think through the key elements of your business.

Business plans can help you get funding or bring on new business partners. Investors want to feel confident they'll see a return on their investment. Your business plan is the tool you'll use to convince people that working with you—or investing in your company—is a smart choice.

Pick a business plan format that works for you

- There's no right or wrong way to write a business plan. What's important is that your plan meets your needs.
- Most business plans fall into one of two common categories: traditional or lean startup.
- **Traditional business plans** are more common, use a standard structure, and encourage you to go into detail in each section. They tend to require more work upfront and can be dozens of pages long.
- Lean startup business plans are less common but still use a standard structure. They focus on summarizing only the most important points of the key elements of your plan. They can take as little as one hour to make and are typically only one page.

Which business plan format is right for you?



Traditional Business Plan

- This type of plan is very detailed, takes more time to write, and is comprehensive.
- Lenders and investors commonly request this plan.



Lean Startup Plan

- This type of plan is high-level focus, fast to write, and contains key elements only.
- Some lenders and investors may ask for more information.





TRADITIONAL BUSINESS PLAN FORMAT

You might prefer a traditional business plan format if you're very detail oriented, want a comprehensive plan, or plan to request financing from traditional sources.

When you write your business plan, you don't have to stick to the exact business plan outline. Instead, use the sections that make the most sense for your business and your needs. Traditional business plans use some combination of these nine sections.

Executive Summary

Briefly tell your reader what your company is and why it will be successful. Include your mission statement, your product or service, and basic information about your company's leadership team, employees, and location. You should also include financial information and high-level growth plans if you plan to ask for financing.

Company Description

Use your company description to provide detailed information about your company. Go into detail about the problems your business solves. Be specific, and list out the consumers, organization, or businesses your company plans to serve.

Explain the competitive advantages that will make your business a success. Are there experts on your team? Have you found the perfect location for your store? Your company description is the place to boast about your strengths.

Market Analysis

You'll need a good understanding of your industry outlook and target market. Competitive research will show you what other businesses are doing and what their strengths are. In your market research, look for trends and themes. What do successful competitors do? Why does it work? Can you do it better? Now's the time to answer these questions.

Organization and Management

Tell your reader how your company will be structured and who will run it.

Describe the legal structure of your business. State whether you have or intend to incorporate your business as a C or an S corporation, form a general or limited partnership, or if you're a sole proprietor or LLC.

Use an organizational chart to lay out who's in charge of what in your company. Show how each person's unique experience will contribute to the success of your venture. Consider including resumes or CVs of key members of your team.

Service or Product Line

Describe what you sell or what service you offer. Explain how it benefits your customers and what the product lifecycle looks like. Share your plans for intellectual property, like copyright or patent filings. If you're doing research and development for your service or product, explain it in detail.

Marketing and Sales

There's no single way to approach a marketing strategy. Your strategy should evolve and change to fit your unique needs.

Your goal in this section is to describe how you'll attract and retain customers. You'll also describe how a sale will actually happen. You'll refer to this section later when you make financial projections, so make sure to thoroughly describe your complete marketing and sales strategies.

Funding Request

If you're asking for funding, this is where you'll outline your funding requirements. Your goal is to clearly explain how much funding you'll need over the next five years and what you'll use it for.

Specify whether you want debt or equity, the terms you'd like applied, and the length of time your request will cover. Give a detailed description of how you'll use your funds. Specify if you need funds to buy equipment or materials, pay salaries, or cover specific bills until revenue increases. Always include a description of your future strategic financial plans, like paying off debt or selling your business.

Financial Projections

Supplement your funding request with financial projections. Your goal is to convince the reader that your business is stable and will be a financial success.

If your business is already established, include income statements, balance sheets, and cash flow statements for the last three to five years. If you have other collateral you could put against a loan, make sure to list it now.

Provide a prospective financial outlook for the next five years. Include forecasted income statements, balance sheets, cash flow statements, and capital expenditure budgets. For the first year, be even more specific and use quarterly—or even monthly—projections. Make sure to clearly explain your projections, and match them to your funding requests.

This is a great place to use graphs and charts to tell the financial story of your business.

Appendix

Use your appendix to provide supporting documents or other materials that were specially requested. Common items to include are credit histories, resumes, product pictures, letters of reference, licenses, permits, patents, legal documents, and other contracts.

TRADITIONAL BUSINESS PLAN CHECKLIST

- Executive summary
- Company description
- Market analysis
- Organization and management
- Service or product line
- Marketing and sales
- Funding request
- Financial projections
- Appendix

LEAN STARTUP PLAN FORMAT

You might prefer a lean startup format if you want to explain or start your business quickly, your business is relatively simple, or you plan to regularly change and refine your business plan.

Lean startup formats are charts that use only a handful of elements to describe your company's value proposition, infrastructure, customers, and finances. They're useful for visualizing tradeoffs and fundamental facts about your company.

There are many versions of lean startup templates, but one of the oldest and most well known is the Business Model Canvas, developed by Alex Osterwalder. You can search the web to find free templates of the Business Model Canvas, or other versions, to build your business plan.

We'll discuss the nine components of the Business Model Canvas version here.

Key Partnerships

Note the other businesses or services you'll work with to run your business. Think about suppliers, manufacturers, subcontractors and similar strategic partners.

Key Activities

List the ways your business will gain a competitive advantage. Highlight things like selling direct to consumers or using technology to tap into the sharing economy.

Key Resources

List any resource you'll leverage to create value for your customer. Your most important assets could include staff, capital, or intellectual property. Don't forget to leverage business resources that might be available to women, veterans, Native Americans, and HUBZone–certified businesses.

Value Proposition

Make a clear and compelling statement about the unique value your company brings to the market.

Customer Relationships

Describe how customers will interact with your business. Is it automated or personal? In person or online? Think through the customer experience from start to finish.

Customer Segments

Be specific when you name your target market. Your business won't be for everybody, so it's important to have a clear sense of who your business will serve.

Channels

List the most important ways you'll talk to your customers. Most businesses use a mix of channels and optimize them over time.

Cost Structure

Will your company focus on reducing cost or maximizing value? Define your strategy, then list the most significant costs you'll face pursuing it.

Revenue Streams

Explain how your company will actually make money. Some examples are direct sales, memberships fees, and selling advertising space. If your company has multiple revenue streams, list them all.

Want to see an example of a business plan?

View examples of both business plan formats at sba.gov/business-guide/ plan/write-your-businessplan-template

LEAN STARTUP PLAN CHECKLIST

- Key partnerships
- Key activities
- Key resources
- Value proposition
- Customer relationships
- Customer segments
- Channels
- Cost structure
- Revenue streams

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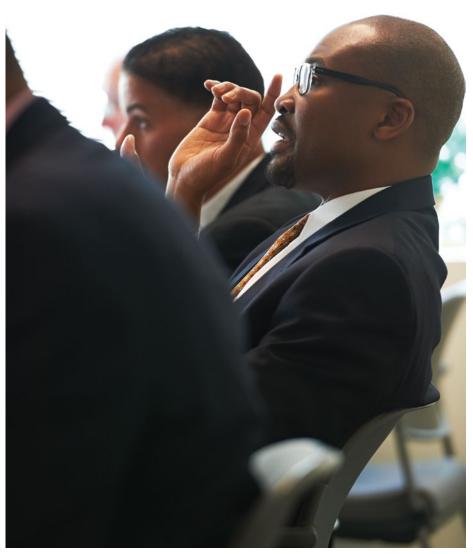
Benjamin Franklin

Programs for Entrepreneurs

SBA's Emerging Leaders program helps grow businesses.

Business executives looking for their next educational opportunity will find it in the SBA's Emerging Leaders program.

Participants in the intense seven-month Emerging Leaders entrepreneurship program are selected through a competitive process. The program fosters a learning environment that accelerates the growth of high-potential small businesses, while providing training and peer networking sessions. Emerging Leaders graduates have reported gaining more than \$300 million in new financing and securing over \$2.16 billion in government contracts. For information about the Emerging Leaders program, visit **sba.gov/emergingleaders**.



Online Resources for Entrepreneurs

Find free short
courses and
learning tools
to start and
grow your small
business at sba.
gov/learning. The
SBA's free Online
Learning Center is a great
resource for every entrepreneur,
especially rural business owners
looking for easy access to vital
business training.

Courses include:

- writing your business plan
- · small business legal requirements
- small business financing options
- digital and traditional marketing to win customers
- disaster recovery
- · cyber security and crime prevention

Entrepreneurs receive business counseling and assistance at the Philadelphia SBA district office in King of Prussia.



Programs for Veterans

Members of the military community can start and grow their small business with the help of SBA programs.

Need entrepreneurship training?

Entrepreneurship training is available through the SBA's programs for veterans, **sba.gov/veterans**, at military installations around the world. These programs are open to active duty service members, those transitioning out of service, National Guard and Reserve members, veterans of all eras, and military spouses. Connect to other entrepreneurs and your local network of SBA Resource Partners through these services and programs.

Veterans Business Outreach Centers, **sba.gov/vboc**, provide business training and counseling to those interested in starting, purchasing, or growing a small business.

Boots to Business is an entrepreneurial education and training program offered by the SBA as part of the Department of Defense's Transition Assistance Program. Service members transitioning out of active duty and military spouses are eligible for Boots to Business.

During the course, you explore business ownership and other selfemployment opportunities while learning key business concepts. You will walk away with an overview of entrepreneurship and applicable business ownership fundamentals, including how to access startup capital using SBA resources. Boots to Business is conducted on all military installations that host the Transition Assistance Program, both in and out of the contiguous United States.

Boots to Business: Reboot delivers the Boots to Business curriculum to veterans of all eras, members of the National Guard and Reserve, and military spouses in their local communities.

Register for either program at https://sbavets.force.com.

If you're a service-disabled veteran or a spouse, the SBA's Service-Disabled Veteran Entrepreneurship Training Program provides guidance on starting or growing your small business, visit **sba.gov/ovbd**.

Interested in doing business with the government?

Veteran-owned and service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses interested in federal contracting opportunities can receive training through the Veteran Federal Procurement Entrepreneurship Training Program. This program is administered by the Veteran Institute for Procurement, which offers a platform with three training programs to assist veterans: VIP Start, VIP Grow, and VIP International.

- » VIP Start is for companies wanting to enter the federal market and become ready for procurement. Nearly 200 veteran-owned businesses from 29 states plus Washington, DC have graduated from the program.
- » VIP Grow is the core curriculum which assists companies in developing strategies to expand and operate within the federal marketplace. More than 700 veteran-owned businesses from 42 states plus DC and Guam have graduated from this program.
- » VIP International is for companies that want to enter or expand their federal and commercial contracting opportunities overseas.

Loan Fee Relief

To encourage lending to members of the military community who want to start or grow their business, the SBA reduces upfront guarantee fees on select loans. That means the cost savings will be passed down to you, the eligible veteran or qualifying military member. To learn more, contact your local SBA district office or ask your SBA Lender about the Veterans Advantage program, **sba.gov/loans**.

Learn about the Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business certification program on page 49.

Have an employee who was called to active duty?

Ask your local SBA district office or lender about the Military Reservist Economic Injury Disaster Loan program. If you meet the eligibility requirements, you may receive funds that enable your business to meet ordinary and necessary operating expenses when an essential employee is called up to active duty in the military reserve.

Jasper Riddle

PRESIDENT, NOISY WATER WINERY AND CELLARS

Ruidoso, NM

Jasper Riddle returned to his hometown, Ruidoso, New Mexico, to become an entrepreneur and follow in his **family's footsteps.** The SBA helped him expand and grow that legacy. Jasper, a fifth generation farmer, purchased a controlling share of his family enterprise, and with expert business guidance, he added a new production facility and several area tasting rooms. Noisy Water is known for its internationally acclaimed New Mexico wine with irreverent names like Jo Mamma's Red, Run for the Rosé, and Tighty Whitey White. Jasper says: "We take our craft seriously, but not much else! because we believe people enjoy wine for fun, not for status or prestige."

- What challenge did you have? I wanted to scale up our small town family
 winery while also staying true to our values of sourcing from local New
 Mexico grapes using a sustainable eco-friendly process. It's difficult for
 young entrepreneurs to know what to do at the right time, like how and
 when to seek financing.
- What was the SBA solution? Thanks to guidance from the Small
 Business Development Center at New Mexico State University—
 Alamogordo, I made decisions that worked best for my small business.
 My advisers helped me apply for a grant from the U.S. Department of
 Agriculture Rural Energy for America Program, which allowed me to convert my production facility to solar power.
- What benefit did this have for you? Thanks to SBDC guidance, I saw a 38 percent growth in sales and 124 percent increase in net profit. Initially, Noisy Water consisted of a winery and a gift shop with only four employees. Now we employ more than 40. I built a production facility with a tap room and event space in Alto, New Mexico. I also opened three tasting rooms in Ruidoso, Cloudcroft, and Santa Fe. Our online sales are booming and we're staying true to our mission and values.



Jasper Riddle

President, Noisy Water Winery and Cellars

FUNDING PROGRAMS

Financing Your Small Business



hen Mark Moralez's employer, the owner of Printing Palace in Santa Monica, California, told him in 2014 he'd found a buyer for the business, Moralez reacted with shock. "Why?" his boss asked. "Do you want to buy it instead?"

The idea surprised Moralez, but it was appealing. He'd been in the industry for more than 20 years and at Printing Palace for a decade. As general manager, he managed nine employees and took care of the business as if it were his own; many customers assumed he was the owner. He and his husband, John Briggs, discussed a possible purchase over lunch. "It wasn't something I was looking to do, I was just trying to take control of my own destiny," Moralez says. He was scared, but the couple decided to take the leap.

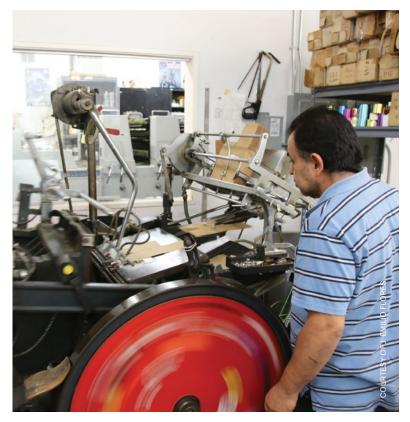
Moralez and Briggs visited their credit union and were quickly disappointed. The loan officer wouldn't take the risk. "He decided that printing was a dying industry and there was no way he was going to fund us," Moralez said.

In frustration, Moralez posted about the setback on Facebook. His social network came to his aid; the post got him the attention of an SBA Lender—as high up as the bank's vice president, Mark Morales. This SBA Lender decided the couple deserved the chance, and Moralez and Briggs soon qualified for SBA funding. They received a 7(a) loan of \$1.1 million toward the \$1.4 million purchase, enabling Moralez and Briggs to buy Printing Palace in 2015.

It was a challenging time to invest in printing. "There were probably 20 printers in our area 10 years ago, and there are probably four now," Moralez says. "The industry has changed a lot, even in the past three years. What used to be 20 to 30 percent of our business is now 50 to 60 percent, and that's ondemand, digital, quick, turned around in a day." The couple has met the challenge, giving up equipment they owned for five new digital printers they lease. They also added an architectural plan printer in response to frequent customer requests. "It's not a huge moneymaker, but it meets demand and it's a profitable unit," Moralez says.

What sets Printing Palace apart in a changing industry is the shop's commitment to customer service. "Everybody wants to do online printing," he says. "What keeps us going, and we're doing well, is that we cater to people who are frustrated with that—or who just want to come in and feel things and talk to somebody who's knowledgeable about the product." Printing Palace's website touts its print-industry veterans who take pride in delivering jobs on time. Moralez and Briggs have earned high reviews online.

Moralez sought certification early on as an LGBT-owned business. He serves as president of his local chapter of the Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian





Mark Moralez believes that what sets Printing Palace apart in a changing industry is his talented work force and their customer service.

If it's something you want to do and you have the skill to do it, you just have to jump in with both feet."

Mark Moralez Owner Printing Palace

Chamber of Commerce, giving Printing Palace prominence in a loyal market. "We've also done some charity work for Human Rights Campaign and Equality California, we've donated money and free printing. Those causes are near and dear to our hearts."

At a time when print shops routinely struggle and fail, Printing Palace has secured its place. "Revenues have stayed steady," Moralez says. "But we've streamlined everything, so we're a lot more efficient and profitable than we were. In an industry that peaked 10 years ago and has slowly been in decline, the fact that we can stay where we are and make it profitable is a strong indication of how well we're doing."

The pressure is real. "Now everybody is relying on us, and the weight falls on my shoulders," Moralez says. "It's more work than I've ever done in my life, but it's been a good thing. I'm glad we did it."

For those seeking business financing, Moralez has this advice: do your research and find an SBA Lender who wants to work with you. "Then, go for it," he says. "If it's something you want to do and you have the skill to do it, you just have to jump in with both feet."

SBA-backed Loans

For small business owners and entrepreneurs who cannot get traditional forms of credit, an SBA-guaranteed loan can fill that need. The SBA guarantees loans made by lending institutions to small businesses that would not otherwise be able to obtain financing. If you are eligible and cannot obtain conventional financing with reasonable rates and terms, the SBA guarantee reduces a lender's risk of loss in the event of a default on the loan. The guarantee is conditional on the lender following SBA program requirements. Just like with any other loan, you make your loan payments directly to your SBA Lender in accordance with your terms.



Lender Match

Visit your local SBA office for a lender referral, or use Lender Match, **sba.gov/lendermatch**. The SBA's online tool connects entrepreneurs with SBA Lenders interested in making small business loans in your area.



Visit your local SBA office or lender to learn about these funding options.



If you're unable to get conventional financing and you meet the eligibility requirements, you can use a 7(a) loan to buy real estate, equipment, or inventory for your small business. It may also be used for working capital, to refinance business debt or purchase a small business.

MAX LOAN AMOUNT: \$5 million

INTEREST RATE: generally prime + a reasonable rate capped at 2.75 percent

TERMS: loan term varies according to the purpose of the loan, generally up to 25 years for real estate, 10 years for other fixed assets and working capital

GUARANTEE: 50 to 90 percent

CAPlines

Meet your revolving capital needs with lines of credit. CAPLines can be used for contract financing, seasonal lines of credit, builders line of credit, or for general working capital lines.

SBA Express Loan

Featuring a simplified process, these loans are delivered by experienced lenders who are authorized to make the credit decision for the SBA. These can be term loans or revolving lines of credit.

MAX LOAN AMOUNT: \$350,000

INTEREST RATE: for loans less than \$50,000, prime + 6.5 percent; for loans of \$50,000 and greater, prime + 4.75 percent

TERMS: loan term varies according to the purpose of the loan, generally up to 25 years for real estate and 10 years for other fixed assets and working capital.

GUARANTEE: 50 percent

Community Advantage Program

Financing for women, veterans, low-income borrowers, and minority entrepreneurs just starting up or in business for a few years. Receive free business counseling as you work with a community-based financial institution.

INTEREST RATE: prime + 6 percent

TERMS: up to 25 years for real estate, 10 years for equipment and working capital

GUARANTEE: 75 to 90 percent

Microloan Program

Eligible businesses can startup and grow with working capital or funds for supplies, equipment, furniture and fixtures. Borrow from \$500 to \$50,000 and access free business counseling from microlenders.

INTEREST RATE: loans less than \$10,000, lender cost + 8.5 percent; loans \$10,000 and greater, lender cost + 7.75 percent

TERMS: lender negotiated, no early payoff penalty

504 Certified Development Company Loan Program

If you do not qualify for traditional financing, but would like to purchase/renovate real estate or buy heavy equipment for your business, ask about the 504 loan program. It provides competitive fixed-rate mortgage financing through a lender and a Certified Development Company.

MAX LOAN AMOUNT (up to 40 percent of the total project): up to \$5 million; \$5.5 million for manufacturing or energy public policy projects

INTEREST RATE: below market fixed rates for 10, 20 or 25 year terms

TERMS: 20 or 25 years for real estate or long term equipment, 10 years for general machinery and equipment

GUARANTEE: the lender provides a senior loan for 50 percent of the project cost (with no SBA guarantee); the CDC finances up to 40 percent in a junior lien position (supported by the SBA guarantee)

SPECIAL CONDITION: a minimum borrower contribution, or down payment, is required, amounts vary by project but are usually 10 percent

SBA Lenders

ALAMOGORDO

Bank 34

500 E. 10th St., suite 100 (575) 437-9334

BBVA Compass Bank

600 Ninth St. (575) 434-2660

First American Bank

1300 N. White Sands (575) 439-9800

First National Bank

414 10th St. (575) 437-4880

3101 N. White Sands Blvd. (575) 443-5154

First Savings Bank

723 New York Ave. (575) 437-0095

Pioneer Bank

1020 10th St. (575) 439-6040

Washington Federal

300 E. First St. (575) 439-0011

Wells Fargo Bank

1109 New York Ave. (505) 766-6423

Western Bank

500 Ninth St. (575) 443-5000

ALBUQUERQUE

Bank of Albuquerque

400 S. Tijeras., suite 150 (505) 222-8512

4901 Central Ave. Northeast (505) 855-0640

6600 Fourth St. (505) 855-0680

401 Coors Road Northwest (505) 839-6180

3301 Coors Road Northwest, suite J (505) 855-0660 10040 Coors Bypass Northwest (505) 855-0620

1301 Juan Tabo Northeast (505) 855-0650

2500 Louisiana Northeast (505) 837-4161

4700 Montgomery Road Northeast, suite 100 (602) 538-9671 (505) 855-7200

6530 Paradise Blvd. (505) 897-5200

1698 Rio Bravo Southwest, suite H (505) 855-0700

5915 Wyoming Blvd. Northeast (505) 855-0690

8221 Wyoming Blvd. Northeast (505) 828-3700

Bank of the West

(888) 595-3156

303 Roma Ave. Northwest, suite 100

500 Dr. Martin Luther King Drive Northwest

5228 Central Ave. Southwest

5401 Central Ave. Northeast

6125 Fourth St. Northwest

5901 Menaul Blvd. Northeast

4221 San Mateo Blvd. Northeast

3733 Isleta Blvd. Southwest

5501 Jefferson Northeast 6701 Academy Road Northeast

2101 Eubank Blvd. Northeast

10050 Coors Bypass Blvd. Northwest

780 Juan Tabo Northeast

7900 Wyoming Blvd. Northeast

3201 Juan Tabo Northeast

BBVA Compass Bank

505 Marquette Ave. Northwest (505) 888-9033

4624 Fourth St. Northwest (505) 888-9900

3500 Candelaria Northeast (505) 888-9090

1201 San Pedro Drive Northeast (505) 888-9101

2444 Louisiana Blvd. Northeast (505) 888-9027

9500 Sage Road Southwest (505) 833-2220

7530 Montgomery Blvd. Northeast (505)888-9163

6001 Academy Road Northeast (505) 888-9157

13140 Central Ave. Southeast (505) 559-9910

430 NM Highway 528 (505) 353-5960

10042 Coors Blvd. Northwest (505) 888-9054

Century Bank

8220 San Pedro Northeast, suite 200 (505) 798-5900

First American Bank

8110 Ventura Blvd. Northeast (505) 821-9854

4301 The 25 Way Northeast (505) 798-3580

First Citizens Bank & Trust Co.

4701 Lang Ave. Northeast (505) 243-9899

First Financial Credit Union

(505) 766-5600

601 Tijeras Ave. Northwest

2700 San Mateo Blvd Northeast

1520 Rio Bravo Blvd. Southwest, suite 6

831 Juan Tabo Northeast, suite A

10400 Academy Road Northeast, suite 150

6100 Coors Blvd. Northwest, suite J

First National 1870

2011 Mountain Road Northwest (505) 200-2100

2200 Louisiana Blvd. Northeast, suite 8E (505) 798-5849

7300 Jefferson St. Northeast (505) 798-5800

Hillcrest Bank

2155 Louisiana Blvd. Northeast (505) 888-3300

Los Alamos National Bank

7445 Pan American Freeway (505) 662-5171

Main Bank

7300 Menaul Blvd. Northeast (505) 880-1700

Mountain America Credit Union

8021 Ventura St. Northeast (505) 856-7885

9200 Golf Course Road Northwest (505) 897-0090

New Mexico Bank & Trust

320 Gold Ave. Southwest (505) 830-8100

3701 Fourth St. Northwest (505) 830-8345

6201 Riverside Plaza Lane Northwest (505) 830-8350

3002 Louisiana Blvd. Northeast (505)830-8325

7021 Jefferson Northeast (505) 830-8300

9500 Montgomery Blvd. Northeast (505) 830-8200

Nusenda Federal Credit Union (505) 889-7755

2801 Juan Tabo Blvd.

8321 Palomas Ave. Northeast

Northeast

7517 Montgomery Blvd. Northeast

401 Eubank Blvd. Southeast, suite G 6501 Indian School Road Northeast

20392 Pennsylvania St. Southeast

10090 Coors Blvd. Northwest

6125 Fourth St. Northwest

1801 Lomas Blvd. Northeast

3200 La Orilla Road Northeast, suite C-1

2001 Unser Blvd. Southeast

3205 Coors Blvd. Southwest

120 98th St. Northwest, suite C-2

Sandia Laboratory Federal Credit Union

(505) 293-0500

3707 Juan Tabo Blvd. Northeast

3740 Ellison Road

8920 Holly Northeast

1301 Britt St. Northeast

Southwest Capital Bank

1410 Central Ave. Southwest (505) 243-1890

TBK Bank

7401 Jefferson Northeast (505) 244-8000

The Loan Fund

423 Iron Southwest (505) 243-3196

United Business Bank

1500 Mercantile Ave. Northeast (505) 341-5200

U.S. Bank

(505) 823-6215

7900 Jefferson Northeast 111 Lomas N.W.

3000 Central Ave. Southeast

1418 Carlisle Blvd. Northeast

3801 Isleta Blvd. Southwest

5001 Montgomery Blvd. Northeast

2300 Louisiana Northeast

8251 Golf Course Road Northwest

2015 Eubank Blvd. Northeast

5620 Wyoming Blvd. Northeast

U.S. Eagle Federal Credit Union

(505) 342-8888 3939 Osuna Road Northeast

2608 Tennessee St. Northeast

4411 Irving Blvd. Northwest

201 Third St. Northwest

5201 Antequera Northwest

Washington Federal

4400 Osuna Road Northeast (505) 341-7300

3000 Eubank Blvd. Northeast (505) 291-3700

3761 NM Highway 528 (505) 890-2600

Wells Fargo Bank

(505) 766-6423

200 Lomas Blvd. Northwest

1406 Bridge Blvd. Southwest

3022 Central Ave. Southeast

3801 Fourth St.

Northwest 550 San Mateo Blvd.

Southeast

3401 Coors Blvd.

4411 Carlisle Blvd. Northeast

6000 Menaul Blvd. Northeast

7827 Fourth St. Northwest

7412 Jefferson St. Northeast

8333 Montgomery Blvd. Northeast

1800 Eubank Blvd. Northeast

11199 Montgomery Blvd. Northeast

156 Juan Tabo Northeast

9390 Coors Blvd. Northwest

8100 Wyoming Blvd. Northeast

Western Commerce Bank

1910 Wyoming Blvd. Northeast (505) 271-9964

ANGEL FIRE

FNB New Mexico

1 First National Place (575) 377-3077

International Bank

9 N. Angel Fire Road (575) 377-2326

Washington Federal

3380 State Highway 434 (575) 377-6481

ANTHONY

Bank of the West

300 N. Anthony Drive (888) 595-3156

First New Mexico Bank Las Cruces

455 Landers Road (575) 556-3000

Wells Fargo Bank

800 Highway 478 (505) 766-6423

ARTESIA

Artesia National Bank

908 W. Main St. (575) 746-4794

First American Bank

303 W. Main St. (575) 746-8000

Washington Federal

602 W. Texas Ave. (575) 627-4691

Wells Fargo Bank

610 W. Main (505) 766-6423

Western Bank

320 W. Texas (575) 748-1345

AZTEC

Citizens Bank

215 S. Main (505) 599-0100

Four Corners Community Bank

1301 W. Aztec Blvd. (505) 327-3222

Wells Fargo Bank

118 E. Chaco St. (505) 766-6423

BAYARD

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First American Bank 1401 Tom Foy Blvd. (575) 537-2481

BELEN

Bank of Albuquerque

634 Becker Ave. (505) 855-0610

United Business Bank

19339 N. Highway 314 (505) 864-3301

394 Rio Communities Blvd. (505) 864-3301

U.S. Bank

620 W. Reinken Ave. (505) 966-0400

Wells Fargo Bank

101 S. Main St. (505) 766-6423

BERNALILLO

BBVA Compass Bank

430 Highway 528 (505) 353-5960

U.S. Bank

388 W. Highway 550 (505) 771-4300

U.S. Eagle Federal Credit Union

53 Jemez Canyon Road (505) 342-8888

Wells Fargo Bank

239 W. Highway 550 (505) 766-6423

BLOOMFIELD

Bank of the Southwest

920 N. First St. (505) 632-0450

Citizens Bank

320 W. Broadway Ave. (505) 599-0100

Wells Fargo Bank

1200 W. Broadway Ave. (505) 766-6423

BOSQUE FARMS

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After the Flood

A South Carolina fabric business rebounds bigger and better with the help of an SBA disaster loan.

WRITTEN BY CARLEE LAMMERS

fter floodwaters devastated his family business, Michael Marsha visited the SBA and received something not many others could give him: security. Marsha is the owner and president of Forest Lake Drapery and Upholstery Fabric Center Inc. in Columbia, South Carolina. The fabric store started in 1964 as an offshoot of L.A. Marsha Textile Co., a closeout fabric store owned by his father and grandfather. Marsha took over the family business in 1990 and worked to grow it into something bigger. "I grew it slow," he

says. "I didn't borrow money. I just took the cashflow over the years and grew it into a big, big company. I didn't really have a banker at all. I didn't really need one."

When catastrophic flooding hit South Carolina in October 2015, water destroyed Marsha's entire fabric inventory and nearly destroyed the lower level of his store, wrecking structural havoc, tearing out sheetrock and destroying the carpeting. The damages came to about \$1.4 million. Crews spent hours cleaning after the floods receded. All that was left of Marsha's business was a shell.

He had to act fast. Marsha bought a space two doors down from his store. Marsha kept his inventory in the upper level of his original store and cut the fabric in his new space. Lenders made offers to help him rebuild, but Marsha wanted better terms. He was speaking to state officials about the flood when he met some SBA disaster assistance specialists.

Marsha recalled how he felt at the time: "I couldn't crawl back into business, I needed to sprint back into business."

He received a low-interest, fixed-rate SBA

The SBA bent over backward to help me get back in business. I couldn't have asked for a better situation. I really couldn't."

Michael Marsha
Owner/President
Forest Lake Drapery and Upholstery
Fabric Center

disaster loan for \$735,000, which Marsha used to rebuild the property, replace inventory, and install storm shields to protect the property from future floods.

Forest Lake Fabrics reopened a year later and saw back-to-back months of record sales. He rebuilt even stronger and was excelling. SBA assistance didn't stop with construction. Marsha still regularly consults with his local SBA district office staff for help with online marketing. "Not only does SBA disaster assistance lend you money, but local staff help me find out ways to make money to make sure I'm in a profitable situation to pay them back," he says. "It's security."

Now, three years after the flood, Marsha is doing so well, the SBA recently presented him with the Phoenix Award for Outstanding Small Business in Disaster Recovery. "The SBA bent over backward to help me get back in business," Marsha says. "I couldn't have asked for a better situation. I really couldn't."





Working Together

The SBA, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and other organizations work together to provide assistance to those affected by a disaster. Once immediate safety and security needs are met, the SBA helps get you and your community back to where you were before the disaster. The SBA provides loans to businesses of all sizes, nonprofits, homeowners, and renters to cover rebuilding costs not covered by insurance or other forms of assistance.

Small businesses and nonprofits are also eligible to apply for economic injury losses, even if they suffered no physical damages. These direct loans come with low-interest rates and long terms. Property owners can also secure additional SBA funds to help protect their business or home against a disaster. Visit **sba.gov/disaster**.



"We Would Have Been Out of Business Twice"

SBA disaster assistance helps a Houston bakery recover after disaster.

WRITTEN BY CARLEE LAMMERS

hree Brothers Bakery is no stranger to difficult times. The business got its start in Chrzanow, Poland in the early 1800s as Morris Jucker's Bakery. Jucker's twin boys, Sigmund and Sol, started out in the business in 1932 when a baker's strike meant only family members could work the ovens—this started a lifetime of camraderie and partnership between the brothers. They worked together through the outbreak of World War II and the invasion of Poland, enduring internment in a Nazi concentration camp when they were

19. After their liberation, Sigmund and Sol Jucker joined their younger brother, Max, and immigrated to America. Living in Houston, Texas, the three brothers returned to their family roots and established their bakery in 1949, near one of the city's bayous on Braeswood Boulevard. Today, the three locations of the kosher Eastern European bakery are owned by Sigmund's son Bobby Jucker and his wife, Janice.

The family has continued to weather storms. Hurricane Ike in 2008 brought 12 inches of rain, destroying the bakery roof. Hurricane Harvey in 2017 poured four and a half feet of water





into the building. Photos of the bakery's submerged parking lot went viral on social media.

After each disaster, the family had some money for recovery, but not nearly enough. There was so much to purchase, so much to repair. Each time, Three Brothers turned to the U.S. Small Business Administration's disaster assistance program for help.

The SBA was a saving grace for the Juckers, providing money and resources they wouldn't otherwise have access to. "If it weren't for the SBA, we would've been out of business—twice," Janice Jucker says. "There was no way we would have had the cash to recover."

Houston is recovering, but there's still work to be done. "People are buying sofas and socks", Janice Juckers says, "But they are not yet buying as many cakes and other baked goods." She remains optimistic for a full recovery. The Juckers are also leading an effort to craft legislation that would encourage consumers to shop in areas affected by a disaster—to help rebuild broken economies.

With help from their local SBA district office, the bakery is rebranding, working on a new website, and investing in new marketing strategies. "Everything the SBA does—everything they do—is good," she says.

Disaster Declarations

Who to contact after a disaster is declared by the President



Register with FEMA at

disasterassistance.gov, call (800) 621-3362,

TTY: **800-462-7585**, or visit a Disaster Recovery Center. Locations can be found at **fema.gov/drc.**

Businesses are automatically referred to the SBA. Most homeowners and renters will be referred by FEMA to the SBA to apply for disaster loan assistance. You must complete the SBA application to be considered for assistance. If the agency cannot help you with a loan for all your needs, the SBA will, in most cases, refer you back to FEMA.

Express Bridge Loan Pilot Program

Businesses affected by a Presidential disaster declaration are eligible to receive expedited bridge loan financing through an SBA Express lender. The bridge loan funds may be used for disaster-related purposes while the business waits for long-term financing through the SBA's direct disaster loan program.

Loan Amount: \$25,000 Terms: up to 7 years Guarantee: 50 percent

Who to contact after a disaster is declared by the SBA

Contact the SBA directly to apply for a disaster loan. Businesses of all sizes, nonprofits, homeowners and renters are eligible to apply:



- online at disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/
- visit a federal/state Disaster Recovery Center in your area
- call our customer service center at (800) 659-2955 (TTY: 800-877-8339) and ask for an application package to be mailed to you

FEMA grant assistance for homeowners or renters is not available under an SBA declaration.

Information needed to get started:

- address of damaged residence or business and contact info
- insurance information, including type of insurance, policy numbers, amount received
- · household and/or business income
- · routing and bank account numbers
- description of disaster-caused damage and losses

How an SBA Disaster Loan Works

The SBA provides loans to businesses of all sizes, nonprofits, homeowners and renters to cover rebuilding costs not covered by insurance or other forms of assistance.

Verification & Processing

An SBA loss verifier will estimate the total loss to your property damaged by the disaster. A loan officer determines your creditworthiness and eligibility after reviewing any insurance or other recovery funds. The SBA can approve and disburse a loan while your insurance recovery is pending. You will be advised in writing of all loan decisions.

- Terms may go up to 30 years. The SBA sets terms based on each borrower's ability to repay, no early payoff fees or penalties.
- Rates are low, based on the type of loan and if you have credit available elsewhere.

For Physical Damages

A business of any size and any nonprofit may borrow up to \$2 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory, and other business assets.

- A homeowner may borrow up to \$200,000 to repair/replace primary residence damage.
- A homeowner or renter may borrow up to \$40,000 to repair/replace damage to personal property, including vehicle losses.

For Economic Injury

The SBA also offers economic injury disaster loans for up to \$2 million to help meet working capital needs caused by a disaster.

- Who are eligible: small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small aquaculture businesses, and most nonprofits.
- Economic injury assistance is available regardless of whether the business suffered any property damage.

Closing & Funds Disbursement

Approval decision and disbursement of loan funds is dependent on receipt of your documentation.

Be sure to sign your closing documents. This can be done by mail or with an SBA representative at a closing center, if one is open in your area.

The SBA disburses loan funds as recovery work is completed, items are replaced, and/or as funds are needed. The SBA will typically make an initial disbursement of up to \$25,000, if all requirements are met, within five days of receiving your signed loan closing documents. Your case manager will schedule subsequent disbursements of the full loan amount. Your case manager will work with you to help you meet all loan conditions. Your loan may be adjusted after closing according to your changing circumstances, such as unexpected repair costs or additional insurance proceeds.

Keep in mind

An SBA disaster loan is a direct loan from the government. Other organizations may reduce or not award you a grant if you have received an SBA loan or other assistance. Be sure to check with other organizations to see how an SBA loan might affect your eligibility for their program.

In general, recovery expenses covered by insurance, FEMA or other forms of assistance may reduce the amount provided by your SBA disaster loan.

How to Prepare Your Business for an Emergency

The financial cost of rebuilding a business after a disaster can be overwhelming. However, with a business continuity plan in place, you will be able to rebound and reopen quickly. You'll be in a better position to contribute to the economic recovery of your community.

Establish a protocol to communicate with employees outside of the office to ensure they and their families are safe. Test the procedures regularly.

Keep your plan and all related documents in a digital format or in an accessible, protected, off-site location.

Review your insurance coverage

- Contact your insurance agent to find out if your coverage is right for your business; make sure you understand the policy limits and deductibles.
- Ask about business interruption insurance, which compensates you for lost income and covers operating expenses if your company has to temporarily shut down after a disaster.

Establish a solid supply chain

If your vendors and suppliers are local and the disaster is widespread, you will all be in the same situation—struggling to recover. Set yourself up to be able to get key supplies from companies outside your area, if possible.

- Create a contact list of important contractors and vendors you plan to use in an emergency.
- Make sure you know your suppliers' recovery plans.

Plan for an alternative location

 Do some research in advance of the disaster for several alternative places to relocate your company in case a disaster forces you to close your business for an extended time.

Contact a local real estate agent to get a list of available office space. You could make an agreement with a neighboring business to share office space. You could also make plans for employees to telecommute until your office reopens.









The Ready Business program, ready.gov/business, gives step-by-step guidance on how to prepare your business for a disaster. The series includes preparedness toolkits for earthquakes, hurricanes, inland flooding, power outages, and severe winds/tornadoes. Spanish materials are available.

Surety Bonds

Surety bonds help small businesses win construction, supply, and service contracts.

Surety bonds help small businesses win construction. supply and service contracts by providing the customer with a guarantee the work will be completed. Many contracts require surety bonds, which are offered by surety companies. The SBA guarantee provides an incentive for surety companies to work with small businesses that would normally not be able to obtain the bond. Eligible small businesses can receive the bonding assistance necessary to compete for contracting and subcontracting jobs using the Surety Bond Guarantee **Program**. This program is aimed at small businesses that lack the financial resources or performance track record necessary to secure bonding through regular commercial channels.

Small businesses that often come to the SBA for surety bonds:

- **Startups and firms** in business less than three years
- Businesses with credit issues or internally prepared financial statements
- Subcontract trades with a desire to establish their own bonding as a prime contractor
- Those wishing to increase their current bonding limits



Surety bonds are requested

Some contracts require that the business doing the work be properly bonded.



Surety partners with business

Authorized surety companies provide surety bonds to businesses that meet their qualifications.





The SBA guarantees

The SBA guarantees surety bonds for private surety companies, so more small businesses can qualify.



Small businesses benefit

Small businesses get SBAguaranteed surety bonds so they can get to work.

For Public and Private Prime Contracts and all Subcontracts

The SBA guarantees: bid, payment, performance, and ancillary bonds issued by surety companies

Cost of contract: up to \$6.5 million

SBA reimburses surety companies in case of default

90 percent of losses sustained for veteran and servicedisabled veteran, minority, 8(a), and HUBZone-certified small businesses; all projects up to \$100,000

80 percent for all other small businesses.

For Federal Contracts

The SBA guarantees: bid, payment, performance, and ancillary bonds issued by surety companies—if a guarantee would be in the best interest of the government

Cost of contract: up to \$10 million

SBA reimburses surety companies in case of default

90 percent of losses sustained for veteran and servicedisabled veteran, minority, 8(a), and HUBZone-certified small businesses; all projects up to \$100,000

80 percent for all other small businesses.

SBA's QuickApp Program

Typically, small businesses provide financial statements and other documentation when applying for surety bond guarantees. This process is streamlined under the **SBA's QuickApp program**, which is for contracts below \$400,000. The streamlined application reduces the normal paperwork to a simple two-page application, and the small business does not need to file any financials with the SBA.

The SBA partners with 35 surety companies and hundreds of bonding agents. Online applications submitted through SBA authorized agents are approved in less than two days for regular applications and within hours for QuickApps. Find authorized agents at **sba.gov/osg**.



Questions?

Do you want to discuss the advantages of the SBA's Surety Bond Guarantee Program or need to locate an SBA authorized agent? Contact a bonding specialist:

Tamara E. Murray Denver, CO (303) 927-3479 Kevin Valdes Seattle, WA (206) 553-7277 Jennifer C. Bledsoe Washington, DC (202) 205-6153

Assistance with Exporting

Businesses that export are less dependent on any one market. Exporting also broadens the market and stabilizes sales for those who make seasonal products.

Small businesses can enter and excel in the international marketplace using State Trade Expansion Program grants and training. Visit **sba.gov/internationaltrade** to find out if your state is participating.

You can:

- · learn how to export
- participate in foreign trade missions and trade shows
- obtain services to support foreign market entry
- · translate websites to attract foreign buyers
- design international marketing products or campaigns

Financing for International Growth

The International Trade Loan can position you to enter or expand into international markets. It can also help you better compete if your business has been adversely affected by unfair trade practices.

Max loan amount: \$5 million

Interest rate: generally prime + a reason-

able rate capped at 2.75 percent

Terms: up to 25 years for real estate, up to 10

years for equipment **Guarantee:** up to 90 percent

Ask your SBA Lender about the **Export Express Loan** for enhancing your export development.

Max loan amount: \$500,000

Interest rate: typically not to exceed prime

+ 6.5 percent

Terms: up to 25 years for real estate, up to 10 years for equipment, up to seven years for lines of credit

Guarantee: up to 90 percent

Exporters looking to meet their short-term capital needs can use the **Export Working Capital Program**. Use this loan to purchase inventory to make the products you export or to finance receivables. You can apply for lines of credit prior to finalizing an export sale or contract.

Max loan amount: \$5 million

Interest rate: negotiated between lender and business, fixed or variable rate

Terms: typically one year, cannot exceed

three years

Guarantee: up to 90 percent

Benefits of Exporting

Nearly 96 percent of consumers live outside the U.S., and two-thirds of the world's purchasing power is in foreign countries. If you're a small business owner, here's how to work with the SBA for your trade needs.

STEP 1 GET COUNSELING



STEP 2 FIND BUYERS



STEP 3 GET FUNDING



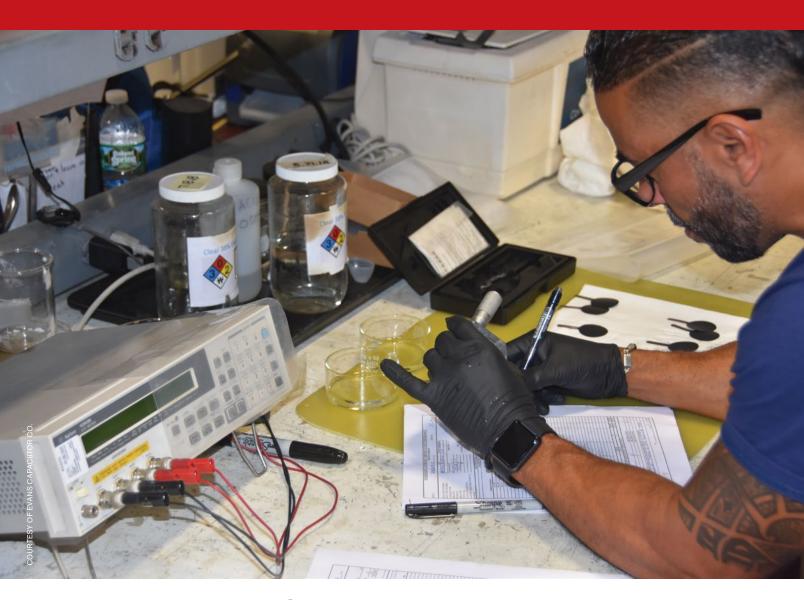
Expert Advice on Exporting

If you need assistance with international trade regulations, the SBA can be your advocate in foreign markets. Call toll free (855) 722-4877 or email your contact information and trade issue to international@sba.gov.

Find an SBA professional in one of the 21 U.S. Export Assistance Centers, **sba.gov/tools/local-assistance/eac**, located in most major metro areas. The centers are also staffed by the U.S. Department of Commerce and, in some locations, the Export-Import Bank of the United States and other public and private organizations. Also, visit your local Small Business Development Center (see page 8) for exporting assistance from professional business counselors.

CONTRACTING

Doing Business with the Government



Staying Power

Evans Capacitor Co. of Rhode Island was chosen as the SBA's 2018 National Small Business Subcontractor of the Year for its customer care.

WRITTEN BY **JESS WALKER**

owering some of America's greatest defense and aerospace technologies is a small product from a small business located in the smallest state. Evans
Capacitor Co. of Rhode Island is a leading manufacturer of high energy density capacitors, battery-like components that can release stored electrical energy quickly—crucial in applications such as laser or radar systems.

"The best and most rewarding feeling is when we have visitors to our plant, be they customers, politicians, or even from the SBA, who look around and are truly astonished by what we do right here in East Providence," says Charles Dewey, cofounder and CEO of Evans Capacitor. "They are always smiling and surprised when they see our great employees actually building these devices by hand."

In 1996, Dewey and his cousin and cofounder Dave Evans spun Evans Capacitor out of an old family business. Dewey handled the business model and finances, and Evans spearheaded engineering and development. Evans's hybrid capacitor invention, which combined electrolytic with electrochemical technology, had come to him in a dream. He made that dream into a reality, but the market for it was not immediately robust. A licensing deal with medical device producer Wilson Greatbatch Technologies incorporated the invention into capacitors for implantable defibrillators, jump-starting the young company.

Evans Capacitor has been a subcontractor since its beginning, with most products sold commercially to defense contractors. Its client base now extends into commercial aviation and the oil and gas industry. "Dave Evans and I decided early on that we would work on what we knew," says Dewey. "He invented a lot of stuff, but only some things were business-viable. We stuck to what worked and built a niche."

Evans Capacitor prides itself on its responsiveness to customers. When a client once needed a smaller product, the company repackaged its round capacitor into a square, which provided more energy using the same footprint. Another client's comments about overheating resulted in a capacitor that reduced resistance by half, effectively doubling the power while decreasing the need for cooling. "Listening to our customers is critical so we know which direction to focus our efforts," says Colin McClennan, vice president and general manager. It's a practice that pays off in relationships and recognition: Longtime customer Lockheed Martin





Evans Capacitor built its business by being a subcontractor that sells its products to defense contractors. The company is expanding into commercial aviation and the oil and gas industry.

nominated Evans Capacitor for the 2018 National Small Business Subcontractor of the Year, which the company went on to win.

The State Trade Expansion Program, administered by the SBA's Office of International Trade, has helped Evans Capacitor smooth the peaks and valleys of production through expansion of its customer base. A national export initiative, the STEP grant awards matching funds to states and territory governments to help small businesses enter and thrive in international markets.

For the past two years, Evans
Capacitor has used Rhode Island STEP
funding to send representatives to
global exhibits, create trade show
materials, and revamp its website for
international audiences. The company
has been represented as far away as
India, Spain, and the United Kingdom.
"We've done programs with [STEP
assistance] we likely wouldn't have
done otherwise," says McClennan. "I
expect we'll continue using it."

Running a small business can be hard, but the close-knit environment makes it worthwhile. When McClennan joined the company in 2000, he thought he'd live in Rhode Island for a year or so before moving back to Ohio. Eighteen years later, he still finds every day at the 47-employee plant engaging and ever-changing. "You're able to have such an impact in a small business," he says, "as opposed to working in a large corporation where the impact of your efforts might be much more diluted."

Dewey is happy for other entrepreneurs to learn from Evans Capacitor's experience. "We hope the SBA uses us as a model, especially to other small businesses looking to get into subcontracting and defense work," he says. "It is a daunting undertaking for a commercial company, but it's been our lives since day one, so maybe we can help." For other small businesses, no matter the industry, Dewey recommends they hone in on their niches. "Don't stray, stay focused, and be the best you can be. As Dave says, 'You have to play the hand you're dealt.' But you can learn to play it well."

How to do business with the government

- Identify your product or service number at **naics.com**.
- Search the FedBizOpps database (**fbo.gov**) or **web.sba.gov/ subnet** to see if any federal agencies are looking for your product or service.
- Attend an SBA district office workshop on contracting. Visit **sba.gov/localassistance** to find your local office.
- Talk to a local Small Business Development Center counselor (see page 8) or visit a Procurement Technical Assistance Program adviser. Find your closest center at **aptac-us.org**.
- Obtain a free DUNS number at **fedgov.dnb.com/webform**.
- Register with the System for Award Management (**sam.gov**) to start doing business with the government.
- See if you're eligible for a contracting program and start the certification process. All required documents must be uploaded to **certify.sba.gov** before submitting an offer on a contract set aside for a specific program.



SBA Contracting Programs

Your business could earn profit and gain valuable work experience by providing goods or services to the government.

The federal government sets aside contracts for small business, and these certification programs are designed to help you compete for and win federal contracts. Visit **sba.gov/contracting** to learn more about set-asides and whether one or more of these government contracting programs is right for your business.

All Small Mentor-Protege Program

Looking for an opportunity to partner with a more experienced firm for mentorship? You may find that effort rewarded in the All Small Mentor-Protege Program, **sba. gov/allsmallmpp.** At the same time you're gaining invaluable direction and experience, you and your mentor can compete for government contracts, further growing your business.

To qualify for this program:

- » Proteges must have a mentor prior to applying for the program. Visit your local SBA office for guidance. Ask about the SBA's Resource Partners and the Procurement Technical Assistance Program for help in connecting you with a mentor business.
- » You must be certified as a small business within your NAICS industry classification and have experience in that field.

- » Mentors and proteges must be organized for profit or as an agricultural cooperative.
- » Mentors cannot own more than 40 percent equity in the protege's business.
- » An SBA determination of affiliation must not exist between the mentor and the protege. All Small-approved partnerships receive an exclusion of affiliation for contracting purposes.

8(a) Business Development Program

If you're an entrepreneur who is socially and economically disadvantaged, you can get business training and government contracting assistance through the 8(a) Business Development Program, **sba.gov/8a**. The program includes free business development education, training workshops, and match-making opportunities with federal buyers. Firms owned by Alaska Native Corporations, Indian tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations, and Community Development Corporations are also eligible for 8(a) business development assistance.

To be eligible for the 8(a) program, your small business must meet the following criteria:

- » qualify as a small business which is unconditionally owned and controlled by one or more socially and economically disadvantaged people of good character
- » be controlled by a U.S. citizen who lives in the United States
- » demonstrate a track record of work and that you have potential for continued success

Socially disadvantaged: those who have been subjected to racial or ethnic prejudice or cultural bias without regard to their individual qualities because of their identity as members of certain groups. The following groups of people are assumed to be socially disadvantaged: Black Americans, Native Americans, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, Hispanic Americans, Asian Pacific Americans, and Subcontinent Asian Americans. A person who is not a member of one of these groups must establish that it is more likely than not that they have suffered disadvantage.

Economically disadvantaged: those whose ability to compete in the marketplace has been impaired because the person has not had as much capital and credit opportunities compared to others in the same or similar line of business who are not socially disadvantaged.



The benefits:

- » 8(a) businesses are assigned an SBA professional to help coordinate your business development assistance.
- » You could be awarded an 8(a) sole-source contract up to \$4 million for goods and services; \$7 million for manufacturing, exceptions apply.

What is an 8(a) sole-source contract? A direct awarding of a contract to an 8(a) small business that can provide the needed services.

HUBZones

Businesses located in Historically Underutilized Business Zones, HUBZones, **sba.gov/hubzone**, must be certified to gain special access to federal contracts. To qualify for the program, a small business must:

- » be at least 51 percent owned and controlled by a U.S. citizen(s), a Community Development Corporation, an agricultural cooperative, or an Indian tribe
- » be located within a HUBZone, which includes Indian reservations and military facilities closed by the Base Realignment

By the Numbers

The U.S. government is the largest single purchaser of goods and services in the world. Every year it awards more than

\$500 billion

in contracts

Of those prime contracts, the federal government must set aside 23 percent for small businesses.

This includes:

- 5 percent for small disadvantaged businesses
- 5 percent for women-owned small businesses
- 3 percent for HUBZonecertified small businesses
- 3 percent for service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses

and Closure Act. Enter your address in our interactive map to see if your business is located in a HUBZone, **maps.certify.sba.gov/hubzone/map**.

» have at least 35 percent of your employees residing in a HUBZone

Service-Disabled Veterans

If you're a service-disabled veteran looking to enter the federal marketplace, you may be eligible for this small business certification. To determine your eligibility, contact a veterans business development officer at your local SBA office, or the SBA's Office of Veterans Business Development at **sba.gov/ovbd**. After you have set up to do business with the government in **sam.gov**, update your status as a service-disabled veteran business.

Keep in mind

The SBA does not officially certify this designation, so when a contract awarded based on this eligibility is protested, the SBA will determine if your business meets the eligibility status, ownership and control requirements.

Procurement Technical Assistance Centers

Businesses that want to sell products or services to federal, state, or local governments receive one-on-one counseling and training at Procurement Technical Assistance Centers, free or low cost.

How can a procurement assistance center help you?

- » A center adviser can help you determine if your business is ready for government contracting.
- » An adviser can help you register in the System for Award Management (sam.gov).
- » Your adviser will help you see if you are eligible for any small business certifications and programs.

Federal contracting can be complex, but you don't have to do it alone. Visit **sba. gov/localassistance** to find your local SBA office or an SBA Resource Partner near you (see page 8).

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Women-Owned Small Business Certification

If you're a woman proprietor looking to sell to the federal government, you may be eligible for the Women-Owned Small Business certification, **sba.gov/wosb**.

Here's how to get certified:

1. Make sure you're eligible

- Your business must be at least 51 percent owned and controlled by one or more women who are U.S. citizens. The ownership must be direct and unconditional.
- A woman must hold the highest officer position and have managerial experience required to run the business.
- One or more women must manage the daily business operations on a full-time basis and conduct long-term decision making and planning.

To qualify as an economically disadvantaged woman-owned small business, your company must meet these criteria and the business owner and/or manager must meet certain income and asset requirements.

2. Register

• Register with the System for Award Management (sam.gov) to start doing business with the government.

3. Certify

Self-certify as a woman-owned small business or an economically disadvantaged woman-owned small business for free, or obtain certification from one of the SBA's approved third-party certifiers (which costs a fee):

- El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- National Women Business Owners Corporation
- · U.S. Women's Chamber of Commerce
- Women's Business Enterprise National Council

All required documents must be uploaded to **certify.sba.gov** prior to submitting an offer on a contract set aside for the program.

4. Update your status

• Update your status as a woman-owned small business in **sam.gov**.

5. Search the database

• Search the FedBizOpps database (**fbo.gov**) for your new business opportunity.





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