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Celebrating National Small Business Month

Proud to support our local business community





May is National Small Business Month!

May is all about celebrating the entrepreneurs, innovators, and small business owners who keep our communities thriving — and we're here to support you every step of the way.

At the [Florida SBDC at USF](#), we're proud to champion your success with no-cost consulting, training, and resources designed to help your business start, grow, and succeed.

Ways to Celebrate National Small Business Month:



Invest in Your Growth – Take advantage of our no-cost consulting and professional guidance tailored to your business goals.



Expand Your Network – Connect with fellow business owners and industry professionals at local events.



Join us at our [4th Annual Business Awards](#) – Celebrate the achievements of outstanding small businesses, make meaningful connections, and be inspired by success stories from across our region.

Let's make this National Small Business Month one of growth, connection, and celebration. We look forward to supporting your journey!

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Exhibitor Opportunity Available for the 2026 Florida SBDC at USF Annual Business Awards

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Sponsorship
Opportunities Available
for the 2026 Annual
Business Awards



*Showcase your Business
with an Exhibit Table*

EXHIBITOR LEVEL SPONSORSHIP INCLUDES:
Exhibit Table w/ 2 Chairs & 2 Tickets to Awards Luncheon

bit.ly/2026SBDCAwards_SponsorshipDetails 

Our Exhibitor Level Sponsorship is a great way to put your business in front of a highly engaged audience. For \$500, you'll receive an exhibit table in the main networking area plus two tickets to the awards luncheon.

Deadline to Reserve your Spot:

April 30, 2026



Click the button below for full details and reserve your spot today — 4 spots left!

[Reserve Your Spot](#)

[Upcoming Florida SBDC Events](#)



GRANTS FOR SMALL BUSINESS: Myth vs Reality

MAY 5, 2026
10AM-11AM



Register Today at:
bit.ly/SBDC_Grants



BILL BURNHAM
FLORIDA SBDC AT USF
Business consultant

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No-Cost Webinar

SHOW ME THE MONEY: FINANCING YOUR BUSINESS

MAY 6, 2026
10AM - 11AM



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bit.ly/4vztXKc



GREG MANNING
FLORIDA SBDC AT USF
Business consultant

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MARKETING ESSENTIALS & AI TOOLS FOR SMALL BUSINESS

LUNCH & LEARN

In collaboration with
 Hardee County
FLORIDA



Stacey Dadd
Associate Director - Consultant



Scott Carpenter
Senior Business Consultant



Stephanie Ordenez
Cameo - Marketing Officer

This seminar is designed to help small business owners strengthen their marketing foundation and leverage today's most powerful tools. Business consultants will walk you through the key components of building an effective, results-driven marketing strategy — without overwhelming your time or budget. You'll learn why a clear marketing plan is essential for growth and how artificial intelligence can simplify the process, from brainstorming ideas to developing a practical 90-day marketing plan. Lunch will be provided.



Register Now
bit.ly/MarketingEssentials_AItools



Date
WED, MAY 6, 2026



Time
11:30am - 1:30pm



AGRICULTURE TRAINING CENTER
515 CIVIC CENTER DR
WAUCHULA, FL 33873

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No-Cost Webinar

CASH FLOW VS PROFITABILITY

MAY 7, 2026
10AM - 11AM



Register Today at:
bit.ly/4sl2eVh



BRAD OWENS
FLORIDA SBDC AT USF
Business consultant

[Register Now](#)





2026 FLORIDA SBDC AT USF ANNUAL BUSINESS AWARDS

May 13, 2026 11:30am - 1:30pm

USF Marshall Center | Second Floor 2100 AB
4103 USF Cedar Circle Tampa, FL 33620

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GOVCON NETWORKING BREAKFAST: Disaster Contracting - What Local Governments Buy

May 14, 2026 | 7:30-9am

**3814 Spectrum Blvd., Tampa, FL (USF
Research Park - First Floor Classroom)**

Sponsored by:
Suncoast Credit Union, USF Research
Foundation, and Bass, Berry & Sims PLC

**Register today at
bit.ly/GovCon_DisasterCon**

Discover how local governments plan, purchase, and respond to disasters—and how your business can play a vital role. This session will give you insider insight into what counties buy, how they source emergency services, and the steps you can take to become part of the process.

If your company provides products or services that support disaster relief and recovery, this is a must-attend event. Position yourself ahead of the competition and secure opportunities in local contracting.



[Register Here](#)

No-Cost Webinar

TOP 5 MISTAKES BUSINESSES MAKE WITH QUICKBOOKS

MAY 19, 2026
10AM - 11AM



Register Today at:
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BILL BURNHAM
FLORIDA SBDC AT USF
Business consultant

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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE FOR MARKETING

MAY 21, 2026 | 10AM - 11AM

JOIN OUR NO-COST WEBINAR

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BREAKING DOWN FEDERAL SOLICITATIONS

Confused by federal solicitations? Not sure what each section means or how to navigate SAM.gov? This webinar is designed to help you confidently understand and evaluate federal contracting opportunities from top to bottom.

Whether you're new to government contracting or looking to sharpen your skills, this session will give you the clarity and tools needed to approach federal opportunities with confidence.



Moriah Fobbs
Government Contracting
Consultant

May 28, 2026
10am - 11am



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[Building Past Performance: "Winning Contracts When You're Just Starting Out"](#) | May 5 | 12pm

[AI for SEO & Digital Marketing](#) | May 12 | 12pm

[Selling to Uncle Sam: "Strategies for Success in Government Markets"](#) | May 19 | 12pm

[Forging the Future Fleet: Innovation, Integration & Impact](#) | May 19 | 6pm

[Understanding Commercial Real Estate](#) | May 26 | 12pm



Hillsborough
County Florida

[Marketing 101](#) | May 14 | 2pm