

# A Memorable Month Celebrating Small Business Success

As National Small Business Month comes to a close, we want to thank everyone who helped make this May such a memorable and successful celebration for the Tampa Bay small business community.

Throughout the month, we had the opportunity to connect with entrepreneurs, partners, and business leaders through events, resources, and meaningful conversations focused on supporting small business success.



A highlight of the month was our 2026 **Florida SBDC at USF Annual Business Awards Luncheon**, where we proudly recognized outstanding businesses and community partners for their achievements, resilience, and impact across our region.

We are grateful to all of our attendees, sponsors, exhibitors, partners, and supporters who helped make this event such a success.

 View the event photo gallery [here](#).

 View the awards program [here](#).

*Thank you for being part of our small business community and for allowing us to support your entrepreneurial journey. We look forward*

to continuing to serve and celebrate your success throughout the year.

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**JUNE 2, 2026**  
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**June 11, 2026 | 7:30-9am**

**USF Research Park (1st Floor Classroom)  
3814 Spectrum Blvd, Tampa, FL 33612**

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Are you considering submitting a proposal for work with the federal government? Familiar with the changes to the FAR (contracting rules and regulations) and what it means to all small businesses? There's been considerable updates, and it's important to understand how this might affect federal contracts. Please join us for an informative GovCon Networking Breakfast to discuss important updates applicable to government contractors, particularly small businesses.

Speaker, Richard Arnholt, Partner with Bass, Berry & Sims PLC, will guide us through these and the impacts on small businesses.

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[Managing Cash Flow/ Understanding Your Financial Statements](#) | June 9 | 12pm



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