

**Visioneering Unified Legislative Alliance  
Kansas Small Business Development Center (KSBDC)  
LEGISLATIVE RESUBMISSION PROPOSAL – November, 2010**

***Proposal:** It is requested that the Visioneering Unified Legislative Alliance continue to include in its list of priorities for the 2011 legislative session support for level funding for the Kansas Small Business Development Center (KSBDC).*

**Background of issue (i.e., relevant data, history, date of original proposal, funding history):**

With the support of the Visioneering Unified Legislative Alliance, the 2006 KSBDC request for increased funding from the State of Kansas beginning FY08 received a favorable response from legislators, who provided an additional \$1 million to expand the KSBDC program.

By forming partnerships and leveraging funds and in-kind contributions from community colleges, economic development agencies, and other groups, the KSBDC added seven additional outreach centers across the state.

The WSU KSBDC opened an outreach center in Winfield in partnership with Cowley College, Cowley County Economic Development, and Sumner County Economic Development and an outreach center at Butler Community College in partnership with Butler Community College and Emporia State University. These outreach centers will help meet the ever increasing demand for services.

**Describe the regional impact or significance to South Central Kansas:**

During the past five years (2005 – 2009), the Wichita State University KSBDC assisted 713 entrepreneurs access \$69.2 million in financing, assisted with 363 business starts, helped create 1,782 new full and part time jobs and helped save 2,521 full and part time jobs. The job growth and sales growth of KSBDC clients is significantly greater than that of Kansas businesses in general. Continued level funding will enable the WSU KSBDC to continue to generate economic impact in the region.

**Describe the relationship of the proposal to job growth, per capita income and/or education:**

The projected impact of level funding for the WSU KSBDC is 356 new full and part time jobs and 504 saved full and part time jobs annually. In addition, the WSU KSBDC plays a key role in entrepreneurial education. During the past five years, the Center conducted 854 workshops for 8,770 participants.

**Describe how this resubmission proposal is the same or different from the original proposal (i.e. is the intent the same, will the funding requested be utilized for same or new purposes, etc.)**

Our initial proposal requested support for an increase in funding from the State of Kansas. The current proposal requests support for a continuation of our funding at the current level.

**Persons/Organizations/Groups with primary responsibility for advancing proposed legislation (please provide contact information, including telephone and e-mail):**

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**Draft of proposed legislation: (if applicable)**