

## **Small Business Development Center opens office**

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The Small Business Development Center at the University of North Florida, in partnership with the St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners, announced to Historic City News the opening of a full-service location in St. Johns County.

Through this partnership, small business owners in St. Johns County will have access to the resources they need to help their business start, grow and prosper.

The Small Business Development Center will operate an office in the St. Johns County Growth Management Permit Center, located at the County Complex on Lewis Speedway.

A full-time Certified Business Analyst will work with small businesses in St. Johns County, both from the new office in St. Augustine and through site visits to other areas of the County. The new partnership with St. Johns County includes financial support and office space, consistent with the Commission's established goal of enhancing economic viability and promoting economic development.

An official ribbon cutting to celebrate the grand opening of the St. Johns County Small Business Development Center office is scheduled for Monday, October 19th, at 1:30 pm in the St. Johns County Growth Management Permit Center, 4040 Lewis Speedway. The proceedings will include remarks from Small Business Development Center Area Director Cathy Hagan and others.

Since 1976, the Small Business Development Center at UNF has helped over 30,000 small businesses in an 18-county area; providing assistance through management advice and technical training with little to no-cost to the potential, fledgling or well-established small business owners.

For more information call the Small Business Development Center at 800-450-4624 or 904-620-2476.