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## Small Business Development Center Ranked a Top Performer

GRANTS PASS, Ore.—The Rogue Community College (RCC) Small Business Development Center (SBDC) is ranked as a top performer among the 19 SBDCs in Oregon in several categories, according to the 2014 performance data compiled by the Oregon Small Business Development Center Network office in Eugene. This performance is especially noteworthy as many SBDCs are located in more populated, metropolitan areas.

According to the data, the RCC SBDC earned the following rankings in Oregon:

- Third in jobs created (79)
- Third in capital formation assisting businesses in the acquisition of new loans and/or investments (\$3,318,765).
- Fifth for business starts (20).

In the report, it was also noted that the RCC SBDC:

- Provided over 1,700 advising hours to 330 individual business owners, managers, or entrepreneurs.
- Substantially expanded business-related training efforts, conducting 98 individual events for a total of 504 attendees.
- Strengthened relationships and collaboration with the center's host institution, Rogue Community College. Ron Goss, SBDC director, was appointed to the RCC Foundation board, and the SBDC is providing advising services for all RCC graduates interested in developing and launching their own businesses.

“Our cooperative relationships with our regional economic development partners and Rogue Community College continue to support our efforts to assist clients in achieving these economic results,” said Ron Goss, director, RCC SBDC. “I am also privileged to have an outstanding team of professionals that are committed to helping our business community and clients.”

The RCC SBDC receives financial support from Rogue Community College, the Small Business Administration, and the State of Oregon along with additional annual funding from Josephine County, the City of Grants Pass, and Avista. These entities are critical for the support of the center's operations and for the delivery of value added services provided to the regional business community.



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