

Small Business Assistance Agencies

The following organizations provide assistance with business plan development and bringing ideas to reality. Most, if not all, have worked with former Giant Vision competitors and can offer you valuable assistance. You are strongly urged to make contact with the office closest to your location.

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Aberdeen Small Business Development Center

South Dakota Manufacturing and Technology Solutions

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1-800-844-275-9988 or 651-695-7648 - You might need to leave a message for a return call. Office hours regularly will be 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Mondays and 10 a.m. to noon on Wednesday.
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