

## 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 Giant Vision competitors and can offer you valuable assistance. You are strongly urged to make contact with the office closest to your location. The majority of Giant Vision winners have benefitted from these services.

### **Aberdeen Small Business Development Center**

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**Mitchell Small Business Development Center**

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### **Black Hills Council of Local Governments**

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### **Dakota Resources**

Dakota Resources' mission is to connect capital and capacity to empower rural communities. We help rural communities create their own community-based solutions for a thriving rural through our five core programs that work with individual leaders, organizations, communities, and regions.

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### **South Dakota Center for Enterprise Opportunity (SD CEO East Women's Business Center) Startup Sioux Falls**

Provide training, counseling and technical assistance to aspiring women business owners and entrepreneurs across the state.

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Provide training, counseling and technical assistance to aspiring women business owners and entrepreneurs across the state.

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### **Patent Assistance for Inventors in South Dakota, North Dakota, Iowa and Wisconsin**

Low-income inventors in Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin can get free assistance with non-provisional patent applications and patent prosecution through the Upper Midwest Patent Assistance Program, a collaboration between LegalCORPS and William Mitchell College of Law. Visit <http://legalcorps.org/inventors/inventor-resources> for more information.