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NMSBDC State Director Announces Retirement, Interim Named

On Sept. 16, Santa Fe Community College President Sheila Ortego announced that J. Roy Miller, State Director of the New Mexico Small Business Development Center Network (NMSBDC), will retire as of November 1. Mike Mykris has been named Interim State Director of the statewide business assistance program.

Roy Miller has served as NMSBDC State Director since 1996. For the six years prior to that, he was the local Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Director at Clovis Community College. Mr. Miller served on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Small Business Development Centers (ASBDC) in 2004 and 2005, and on the national Accreditation Committee for four years. Under Roy's leadership, NMSBDC has grown from 18 centers to 20 fulltime locations and several satellites, including the WNMU International Business Accelerator in Santa Teresa. In 2009, he secured funding to establish the statewide NMSBDC-Procurement Technical Assistance Program (PTAP). Roy has been recognized by the U.S. Small Business Administration with the SBDC Service Excellence & Innovation Center Award in 2010, by the New Mexico Business Weekly as a 2009 New Mexico Statewide Power Broker, by Public Service Company of New Mexico as 2008 Entrepreneurial Advocate of the Year, and by the New Mexico Industrial Development Executives Association as 2003 New Mexico Economic Developer of the Year, to name a few. Mr. Miller received his degree in Agricultural Economics at NMSU, and completed the UNM Robert O. Anderson School of Management Quality Management Certificate Program. Mr. Miller's passion for the New Mexico business community can best be expressed when once asked what SBDC stands for. Roy replied, "When I say SBDC doesn't just stand for Small Business Development Center, it means somebody does care, and I mean that from the heart."

Mike Mykris has managed Small Business Development Centers in Nebraska, Colorado, and now New Mexico, where he has been the SBDC center director in Santa Fe for the past eight years. He has also served on the SBDC statewide Quality Council and Professional Development Committee. Mykris has been an active member and chair of the Santa Fe Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Committee since 2006 and assisted in



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the development of the Santa Fe Economic Development Plan. Mike was recognized as the New Mexico SBDC State Star in 2006 and as Santa Fe Chamber Volunteer of the Year in Economic Development in 2007 and 2009.

He received his BA in Accounting and Business Management and his MBA at Chadron State College in Nebraska. As a corporate cost budget accountant and former owner of his own successful business, Mike brings a unique and valuable set of real world skills to his center. Building community partnerships has been a priority in Mr. Mykris' plan at the Santa Fe SBDC and will serve him well as he steps into this new role.

The Lead Center of the NMSBDC Network is located on campus at Santa Fe Community College and oversees the business assistance program provided by the 20 centers **hosted by nineteen Higher Education Institutions** serving the State of New Mexico. SBDCs provide no cost confidential management assistance, business resources, and entrepreneurial education to current and prospective business owners. The New Mexico Small Business Development Center Network is a partnership of the US Small Business Administration, the state of New Mexico, the New Mexico Association of Community Colleges, **the New Mexico Association of Independent Community Colleges** and the private sector.

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