Since 1986, the Women’s Business Development Center’s mission has been to support and accelerate business development and growth, targeting women and serving all diverse business owners, in order to strengthen their participation in, and impact on, the economy.
### Economic Impact

- **5,701** Hours of business counseling delivered
- **1,820** Businesses WBE-certified
- **2,785** Clients counseled
- **1,038** Jobs created and retained
- **$16,270,977** Federal contracts awarded
- **$2,289,403** Invested in the community through infusion of capital

### Clients

- **85%** Female
- **15%** Male

### Business Stage

- **Emerging**: 42%
- **Established**: 58%

### Ethnicity

- **African American**: 41%
- **Hispanic**: 24%
- **Caucasian**: 31%
- **Asian**: 3%
- **Other**: 1%

### Expenditures

- **Programs & Services**: 88%
- **Management**: 5%
- **Fundraising**: 7%

### Funding Sources

- **Corporate/Foundations**: 47%
- **WBE Certification**: 26%
- **Government**: 25%
- **Other Income**: 1%
- **Interest & Loan Fees**: 1%

### Revenues

- **$4.6M**

### FY2017

- **InventIllinois program launched with a SBA Federal and State Technology Grant**
- **Technical assistance for incubator clients**
- **Growing online/on-demand library**