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

- 5,600 Hours of business counseling delivered
- 1,876 Businesses WBE-certified
- 2,875 Clients counseled
- 1,397 Jobs created and retained
- $45,183,334 Federal & corporate contracts awarded
- $3,140,569 Invested in the community through infusion of capital

CLIENTS

- 87% Female
- 13% Male
- 72% Start-up and Emerging
- 28% Established

BUSINESS STAGE

RACE/ETHNICITY*

- 44% African American
- 27% Caucasian
- 22.5% Hispanic
- 3% Asian
- 3.5% Other

EXPENDITURES

- 91% Programs & Services
- 3% Management
- 6% Fundraising

FUNDING SOURCES

- 44% Corporate/Foundation
- 28% WBE Certification
- 26% Government
- 1% Interest & Loan Fees
- 1% Other Income

REVENUES

- $4.611M

FY2018

TECH GROWTH

- InventIllinois has helped procure $1.5 million dollars via the SBIR grant program
- Technical assistance for incubator clients
- Online/on-demand library accessed 500 times