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**America's SBDC Iowa announces hiring of new accountant  
*Duane Johnson working at SBDC state headquarters***

AMES, Iowa – America's SBDC Iowa (SBDC) has hired Duane Johnson of Carlisle to perform accounting, budgeting, and other financial tasks for its state center.

Lisa Shimkat, SBDC State Director, says, "We are excited that Duane has joined our team. His skills and small business expertise will be extremely valuable to our organization."

Duane has more than 25 years of experience in business and finance. Previously he worked for several large employers including Wellmark, Inc., Principal Financial Group, and Citi.

More recently Duane spent nearly eleven years operating a small business as a general contractor in the Des Moines area.

Duane is an Iowa State University alumnus and has degrees in Accounting and Economics. He began working for the SBDC on December 12<sup>th</sup>.

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Funded in part through a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Small Business Administration, America's SBDC Iowa has 15 regional assistance centers located strategically across the state.

Since program inception in 1981, the SBDC has helped hundreds of thousands of Iowa businesses and entrepreneurs through no fee, confidential, customized, professional business counseling and practical, affordable training workshops.

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