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**AMERICA'S SBDC IOWA ANNOUNCES NEW REGIONAL DIRECTOR FOR ITS SPENCER CENTER
Michael Wampler is the new regional director for the Northwest Iowa SBDC**

AMES, Iowa – America's SBDC Iowa (SBDC) is pleased to announce that Michael Wampler is the new regional director for the Northwest Iowa Small Business Development Center (SBDC) in Spencer, which is hosted by Iowa Lakes Community College. He started his new position on July 3, 2017.

Wampler will be advising and training entrepreneurs and existing business owners in Buena Vista, Clay, Dickinson, Emmet, Kossuth, Lyon, O'Brien, Osceola, Palo Alto, and Sioux counties.

"America's SBDC Iowa is pleased to add Michael Wampler to our team of knowledgeable, experienced, and professional business advisors," says SBDC State Director Lisa Shimkat. "He brings years of teaching and counseling experience to our organization, plus valuable experience as a small business owner and operator. He will build on our strong connections with area resource partners and encourage new business growth in his northwest Iowa region."

Michael is an entrepreneurship educator and coach with both academic and real world experience. Most recently he served as Coordinator of Business Incubation and Entrepreneurial Initiatives at Indian Hills Community College. Previously, he taught in the School of Entrepreneurship at Oklahoma State University where he oversaw the Master's of Entrepreneurship (MSE) resident program. In addition, Michael was a Special Projects Manager for Jackson Creek Enterprises, a family-owned Iowa business, and a Fleet Manager for Quest Liner. Michael is a GrowthWheel™ Certified Advisor and has a Business Incubation Management Certificate from the National Business Incubation Association.

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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 Iowa businesses and entrepreneurs through no fee, confidential, customized, professional business counseling and practical, affordable training workshops.

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