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AMERICA'S SBDC IOWA STATE DIRECTOR TESTIFIES TO US SENATE COMMITTEE

Lisa Shimkat testified to U.S. Senate Committee on Small Business & Entrepreneurship regarding flooding in Iowa

AMES, Iowa – America's Small Business Development Center Iowa (SBDC) State Director, Lisa Shimkat, testified to the United States Senate Committee on Small Business & Entrepreneurship on June 19. She shared information about the state of small businesses affected by floods in Iowa this Spring, impact on road conditions and resources still needed to help keep businesses open.

Senator Joni Ernst conducted the hearing and said, "SBDC Counselors are not only mentors, but also volunteers helping in what needs to be done."

A recording of the hearing can be found here:

<https://www.sbc.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/2019/6/examining-sba-s-office-of-disaster-assistance-and-the-response-to-recent-catastrophic-floods>

Lisa Shimkat is the State Director of the Iowa SBDC. The network has 15 centers across the state that provide business counseling for entrepreneurs in all areas of starting, operating and expanding a business, including utilizing existing community loan programs in partnership with banks and federal programs.

Lisa has an MBA from Iowa State University, is a Certified Business Advisor from University of Toledo, and has also obtained Economic Development Finance Professional (EDFP) certification through the National Development Council. She is a member of the Iowa Economic Development Authority Board of Directors, as well as a Fort Dodge School Board member. Nationally, she serves on the Association of SBDCs Board. She served on the Securities and Exchange Commission Advisory Committee on Small and Emerging Companies through 2017.

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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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Lisa Shimkat, America's SBDC Iowa State Director at US Senate hearing on June 19

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