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AMES MAN CHOSEN FOR NATIONAL AWARD

Ted Bair to be honored as Iowa SBDC State Star

AMES, Iowa — Ted Bair, regional director of the Iowa State University Small Business Development Center (ISU SBDC) in Ames, has been named the 2016 Iowa “State Star” by the national Small Business Development Center organization, America’s SBDC.

America’s SBDC annually recognizes Small Business Development Center personnel for demonstrating exemplary work performance, significantly contributing to the organization’s economic development efforts, and showing a strong commitment to small businesses.

“Ted is a true advocate for small business across our state. His contributions to the SBDC and our small businesses have been vast. We are proud of Ted and we are honored to have him within our network,” says Lisa Shimkat, State Director, America’s SBDC Iowa.

Steve Carter, President of the ISU Research Park and Director of the ISU Pappajohn Center for Entrepreneurship, adds, “The SBDC State Star Award provides well deserved recognition that Ted Bair is a tremendous asset to the small business community of Iowa. I can think of no one else that each day brings the focus and compassion for his clientele that Ted does.”

Bair was the regional director of the North Iowa Area SBDC from March 2006 until February 2014, Iowa SBDC Interim State Director from March 2014 until August 2014, and has been the ISU SBDC Regional Director since August 2014. He was nominated by his associates for this honor and will be recognized at a special reception held during the America’s SBDC national fall conference in Orlando, Florida in September.

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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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