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**SBDC's Associate State Director Completes Certified Leadership Course**  
***Tricia Janes has completed the Emerging Leaders Academy program***

AMES, Iowa - America's SBDC Iowa (SBDC) is pleased to announce that Tricia Janes, Associate State Director of America's SBDC Iowa, Ames, has successfully completed Iowa State University's Emerging Leaders Academy program.

The Emerging Leaders Academy program aims to enhance the leadership abilities of ISU employees currently serving in leadership roles, or those who aspire to such positions. Emphasis is placed on development of depth of leadership skills as well as to the diversification of the potential pool of leadership candidates. The nine-month program is offered annually and program sessions focus on leadership research, theory and practice, and ISU's past, present and future strengths and challenges.

Lisa Shimkat, State Director, America's SBDC Iowa, says, "We are very proud of Tricia for taking on this program to further her leadership skills and knowledge."

Janes has been with America's SBDC Iowa since October 2007. She was presented with her certificate of completion at a special ceremony on May 8, 2017 at the Alumni Center at Iowa State University.

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