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**AMERICA'S SBDC IOWA ANNOUNCES NEW REGULATORY DATA ASSISTANT**

***Leah Pitts will serve as the new Regulatory Data Assistant for America's SBDC Iowa***

AMES, Iowa – America's SBDC Iowa (SBDC) is pleased to announce Leah Pitts in the new position of Regulatory Data Assistant. She started her new position on Monday, May 11th.

In the new position of Regulatory Data Assistant, Leah will assist an already established program primarily responsible for all aspects of data reporting, management and analysis for the SBDC Iowa network. Leah will also assist in the program's areas of regulatory compliance and market research.

Leah moves into her new role having previously served with the SBDC as a student intern for the previous three fiscal years. Leah recently completed her junior year at Iowa State University where she is majoring in Management Information Systems.

"America's SBDC Iowa is pleased to transition Leah into her new role on our team," says Regulatory Data Coordinator, Austin Strawhacker. "Leah brings an incredible work ethic combined with a deep understanding of the SBDC network. Leah will undoubtedly be able hit the ground running on day one. She brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to our network, which will benefit our center directors, counselors and clients. We look forward to Leah's transition and the broad skill set she brings to our existing team."

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