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CRESTON BUSINESS CHOSEN FOR STATEWIDE SBDC AWARD

Bolinger Solutions chosen for Small Business of the Month Award

AMES, Iowa – America's SBDC Iowa (SBDC) is pleased to announce that Bolinger Solutions, of Creston, is the winner of the organization's statewide January Small Business of the Month Award.

Bolinger Solutions is a business and nonprofit consulting company that has grown from providing a few hours of call center services per week to serving a number of business and nonprofit clients in Iowa and across the United States. Bolinger Solutions provides business and nonprofit consulting services, personal coaching services, and publishing services to meet the needs of a wide range of clients.

Dr. Bolinger is legally blind as a result of congenital hydrocephalus. However, he is a natural when it comes to entrepreneurship. In 2013, he recognized the potential of home-based call center workers and began work as an independent contractor for a firm providing these services. One year later, he began to see a need for competitively priced consulting services for nonprofit organizations and small businesses. As Dr. Bolinger began to explore and provide consulting services and continue to provide home-based call center services, the potential for the provision of coaching services to individuals and businesses evolved. In 2015, Dr. Bolinger developed a system that would allow for the provision of all three services; Bolinger Solutions, Inc. was born!

"Ethan and the SBDC was fundamental in helping me develop a very comprehensive business plan, which completed my application," said Dr. Bolinger. Dr. Bolinger is good at writing and conceptualizing large-scale projects, but he needed some additional assistance from an outside, neutral party. With the help of Ethan & Voc Rehab, his application was approved. He was awarded \$17,500 in grant funding from the Iowa Department for the Blind to cover the equipment and tech assistance that he needed.

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