



**GEORGIA
SOUTHERN
UNIVERSITY**

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Georgia Southern University

CENTER DIRECTOR

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CENTER LOCATION

Downtown Statesboro
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TRADE CLUSTERS

- * Agribusiness
- * Advanced Manufacturing/IT
- * Hospitality & Tourism
- * Supply Chain & Logistics
- * Defense & Aerospace

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Georgia Southern University EDA University Center

The EDA UC at GS facilitates the creation and retention of jobs, the start of new businesses, expansion of existing businesses, and assists in the development of a robust and vibrant regional economic ecosystem by combining the efforts of the university's most successful and visible entrepreneurship and economic development centers. GS's EDA University Center provides technical assistance through one-on-one discussions with regional entrepreneurs and innovators, conducts applied research that assists community and business leaders in promoting activities which lead to growth within targeted clusters, and utilizes regionally connected nodes to disseminate information and facilitate connections that promote technology-based economic development throughout the region.

Technical Assistance

Technical assistance is provided to entrepreneurs and regional stakeholders with the support of BIG Programs like the Innovation Incubators and FabLab. The center serves as a leader in economic development for the university by connecting entrepreneurs and industry stakeholders with university assets.

The UC at GS creates and delivers training and networking opportunities to strengthen the ecosystem. It also works with students and faculty researchers to increase licensing and commercialization efforts

Applied Research

The GS EDA UC engages faculty, researchers, and students to conduct research cultivating innovation and spurring economic growth in cluster industries. CBAER develops relationships with regional industry leaders to conduct research that helps community and business stakeholders to better understand economic conditions and identify regional gaps in the ecosystem.

Dissemination of Information

The UC promotes events, and coordinates media coverage of client and UC successes. Research findings, best practices, and exciting stories and opportunities are publicized across the region and state.

Business Innovation Group

The GS EDA UC connects the university assets within the Business Innovation Group (BIG), such as the Area SBDC, Center for Business Analytics and Economic Research, Innovation Incubator (with offices in the Georgia Grown Innovation Center and Hinesville Innovation Center), FabLab, SCORE, and broader university assets such as the Logistics Innovation Center, Southern Center for Logistics and Intermodal Transportation, Hospitality Management and Tourism Program, Sustainable Aquaponics Research Center, Military and Veteran Services Center, and others with the economic and business development needs of area entrepreneurs, business professionals, economic development stakeholders and community stakeholders.



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