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**Small Business Development Center for Gallatin and Park Counties Locates in
Bozeman Area Chamber of Commerce**

The Northern Rocky Mountain RC&D has recently partnered with the Bozeman Area Chamber of Commerce to host its Small Business Development Center (SBDC) office for Gallatin and Park counties in The Chamber Center at 19th Avenue and Baxter Lane.

“This is a significant partnership with we have been working on for over a year. The Northern Rocky Mountain RC&D oversees the Small Business Development Center program, and we house its services for customers in our building. We have successfully brought together the SCORE (Service Corp of Retired Executives) Chapter, the Business Information Center, and now the Small Business Development Center under one roof,” said Chamber President/CEO David Smith.

According to Don Pisarcik, Economic Development Director for the Northern Rocky Mountain Economic Development District, the Small Business Development Center offers free counseling services for start up and existing businesses. “We have been successfully servicing clients since May of this year, and our relocation to the Bozeman Chamber has created an exceptional one-stop business resource for all Gallatin and Park County businesses.” Pisarcik added that several training courses are also planned for the month of November. A full schedule of classes is available at www.nrmrcd.org.

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The Small Business Development Center is staffed by a business advisor, Kara Stermitz, and the Center Director, Don Pisarcik. Both Stermitz and Pisarcik have owned and managed their own businesses and together bring over 50 years of experience in business development and growth. Start up and expanding businesses can access in-house staff expertise, as well as other state and federal resources, in the areas of marketing, marketplace positioning, accounting, cash flow, capital formation, management and leadership growth, financial programs, and business licensing.

Besides the SBDC support, the Business Information Center offers computer work stations and resources from the Small Business Administration, *Entrepreneur Magazine* and *Inc. Magazine*.

SCORE is the Service Corp of Retired Executives, which also offers free counseling to start-up and growing businesses. SCORE volunteers are available by appointment by calling the Chamber at 586-5421.

Call 922-0451 for more information or an appointment with the SBDC.

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