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## **SBDC Announces 2013 State Star**

**FULLERTON, CA** — The Orange County/Inland Empire Small Business Development Center (SBDC) network is proud to announce Michael Sabellico, Orange County SBDC business consultant, as the recipient of the 2013 State Star Award.

The State Star award is presented annually to an outstanding staff member from each SBDC network from across the country that shows a strong commitment to small business success and makes a significant contribution to their regional SBDC program. Over the years, Sabellico has shared his experience and provided expert guidance in the areas of procurement strategy, certification, marketing, networking and government contracting. His assistance has led clients to be awarded over \$48.8 million in contracts, \$22 million in increased sales, and to create and retain 558 jobs.

“Mike is a top performing consultant and trusted advisor”, said Orange County SBDC Director, Leila Mozaffari, adding “Clients consistently ask for him by name when seeking our assistance to grow their business.”

Sabellico has over 25 years of government contracting experience and is the president of the Orange County/Los Angeles chapter for the Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) Alliance where he volunteers his time to assist disabled veteran-owned businesses grow and achieve success.

“As a business owner himself, Mike truly understands the challenges that face today’s small businesses,” said Priscilla Lopez, California SBDC State Chair. “Mike is always focused on the needs of his clients and works tirelessly to help them achieve success”.

Sabellico was recognized among his peers at the Association of Small Business Development Center’s Annual Conference held in Orlando, Florida on September 9, 2013.

To find out more information about the Orange County / Inland Empire SBDC Network, visit [www.leadsbdc.org](http://www.leadsbdc.org).

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**About the Orange County / Inland Empire Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Network**

*The Orange County / Inland Empire Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Network is partially funded by the U.S. Small Business Administration and other private sector funds to provide one-on-one technical assistance, access to capital, access to procurement opportunities and training for small business owners in Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties. The Orange County/Inland Empire Regional Network is hosted by California State University, Fullerton's, Mihaylo College of Business and Economics. For additional information contact Priscilla Lopez, Regional Director of the Orange County/Inland Empire Small Business Development Center Network or visit [www.leadsbdc.org](http://www.leadsbdc.org).*

**About the Orange County SBDC Program:** *The Orange County Small Business Development Center (SBDC), an economic development program of Rancho Santiago Community College District, is a program supported by the U.S. Small Business Administration, California State University Fullerton and California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office. Orange County SBDC is a one-stop source for business development, expansion strategies, contacting opportunities and access to capital. Learn more by visiting: [www.ocsbdc.org](http://www.ocsbdc.org)*



*Michael Sabellico, Orange County SBDC Consultant joins with Priscilla Lopez, Regional Director of the Orange County/Inland Empire SBDC Network during the 2013 State Star Awards Ceremony at the 33rd America's SBDC Annual Conference.*

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