



ANNE SHAW

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Anne Shaw is the State Director for the Small Business Center Network, North Carolina Community Colleges. The SBCN is the nation's most expansive state funded technical assistance program and serves over 70,000 North Carolinians each year. Anne earned her baccalaureate degree from East Carolina University and is a graduate of the University of Georgia's Institutes for Organization Management and the Georgia Institute of Technology's Economic Development Course.

Anne's background includes seven years in the banking industry and the operation of three family-owned businesses. She served as SBC Director at Coastal Carolina Community College for over 30 years, establishing the Small Business Center program there in September 1986. Anne had oversight of Coastal's economic development programs, including the Small Business Center, a satellite office of the North Carolina Military Business Center (NCMBC) and the college's Customized Training Program. Under her leadership, Coastal's Small Business Center was recognized with the Excellent Small Business Center Award eight times since the award was established in 2000. In 2013, she received the State Director's Award and Coastal's SBC was recognized with the Innovation Award for Programs and Services. She has worked with thousands of entrepreneurs and small business owners to start and improve their businesses and holds a number of certifications in business planning, program management, and economic development. She has consulted to numerous business and nonprofit organizations in strategic planning, operations, financial management, and marketing and has chaired a variety of SBCN and economic development task forces.

Anne was named the Athena Woman of the Year by the Jacksonville-Onslow Chamber of Commerce in 1990 and was recognized as one of the "Ten Most Influential Women in Onslow County" in 1998. She has served on the Jacksonville-Onslow Chamber's Board of Directors since 1990, and has served on, and chaired numerous chamber committees. She was the past Chairman of the downtown redevelopment board (three years) and has chaired a variety of civic and charitable organization boards and committees. In 2010, she was named the Linda L. Richardson Minority Business Advocate by the Chamber's Minority Business Services Committee. In November 2016, through the nomination by her peers, Anne was distinguished with the State's highest honor, The Order of the Long Leaf Pine. In May 2019, she was recognized with the Duke Citizenship and Service Award.