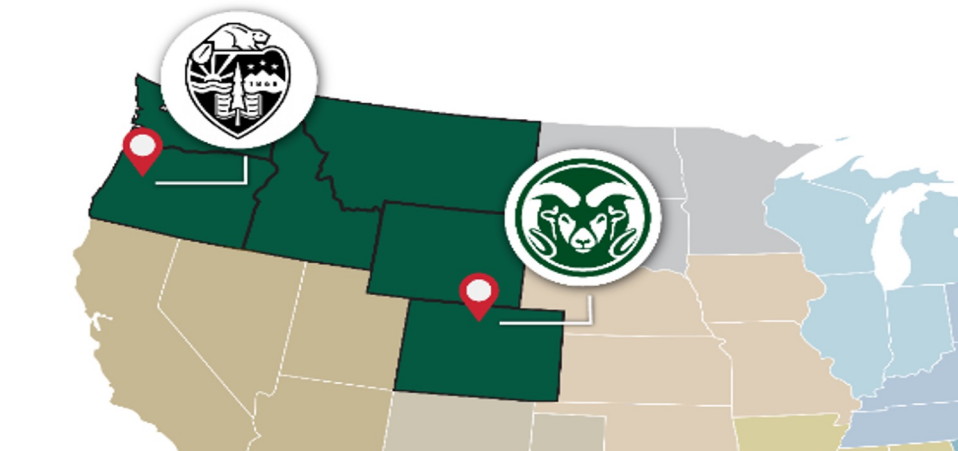


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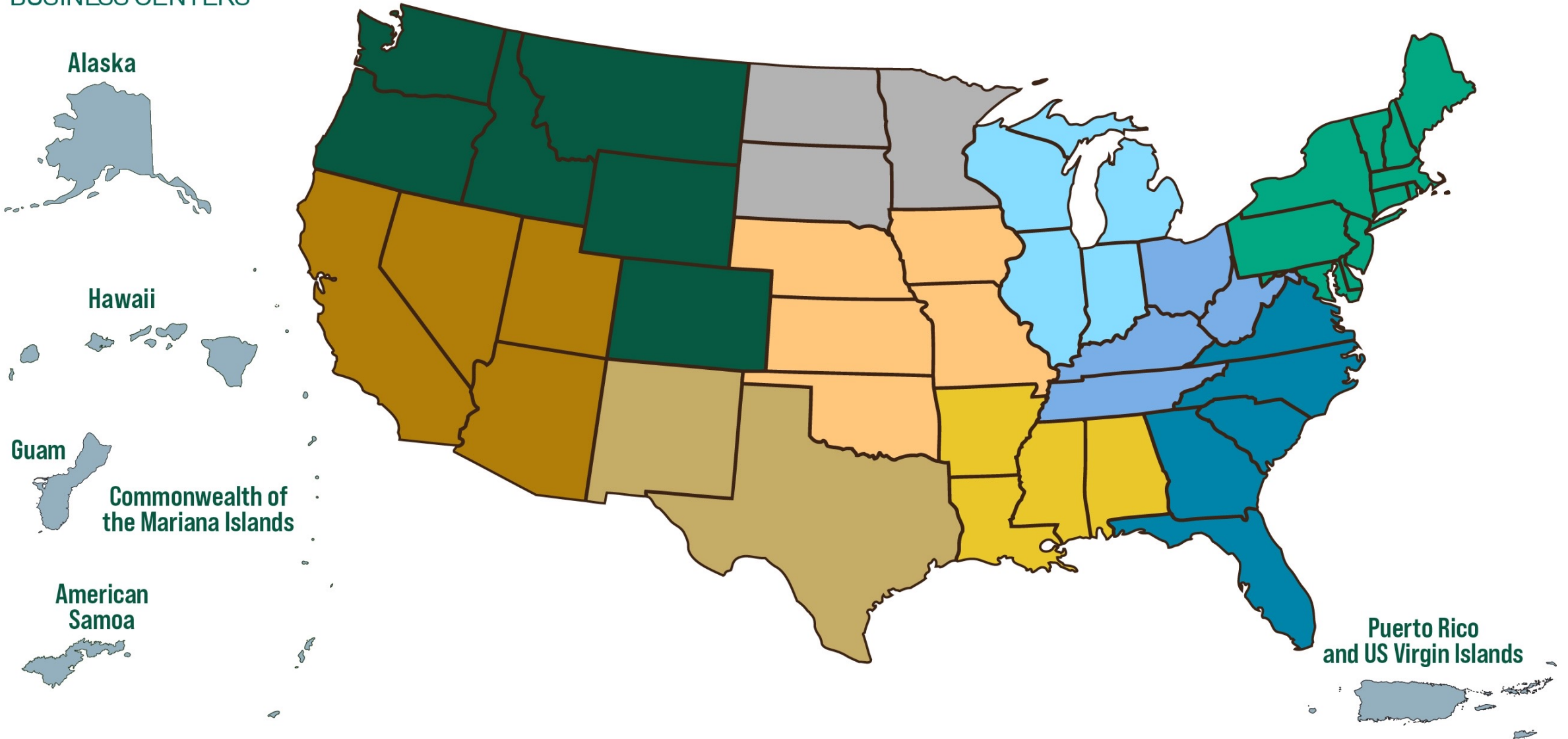
Connecting, Strengthening, and Scaling Food Supply Chains in  
Washington, Idaho, Oregon, Montana, Wyoming and Colorado



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University of Idaho Extension



# USDA Regional Food Business Centers Geographic Regions



Alaska



Hawaii



Guam



Commonwealth of the Mariana Islands

American Samoa



Puerto Rico and US Virgin Islands





# Regional Food Business Centers: USDA Outcomes

**The USDA Regional Food Business Centers** were established to drive economic opportunities across their region, creating a more diversified and resilient food system.

## **Outcomes**

- ❖ Expand and strengthen regional food systems networks and partnerships
- ❖ Create more and better markets and increase market awareness and access
  - ❖ Increase the number of new food and farm businesses
    - ❖ Improve viability of existing businesses

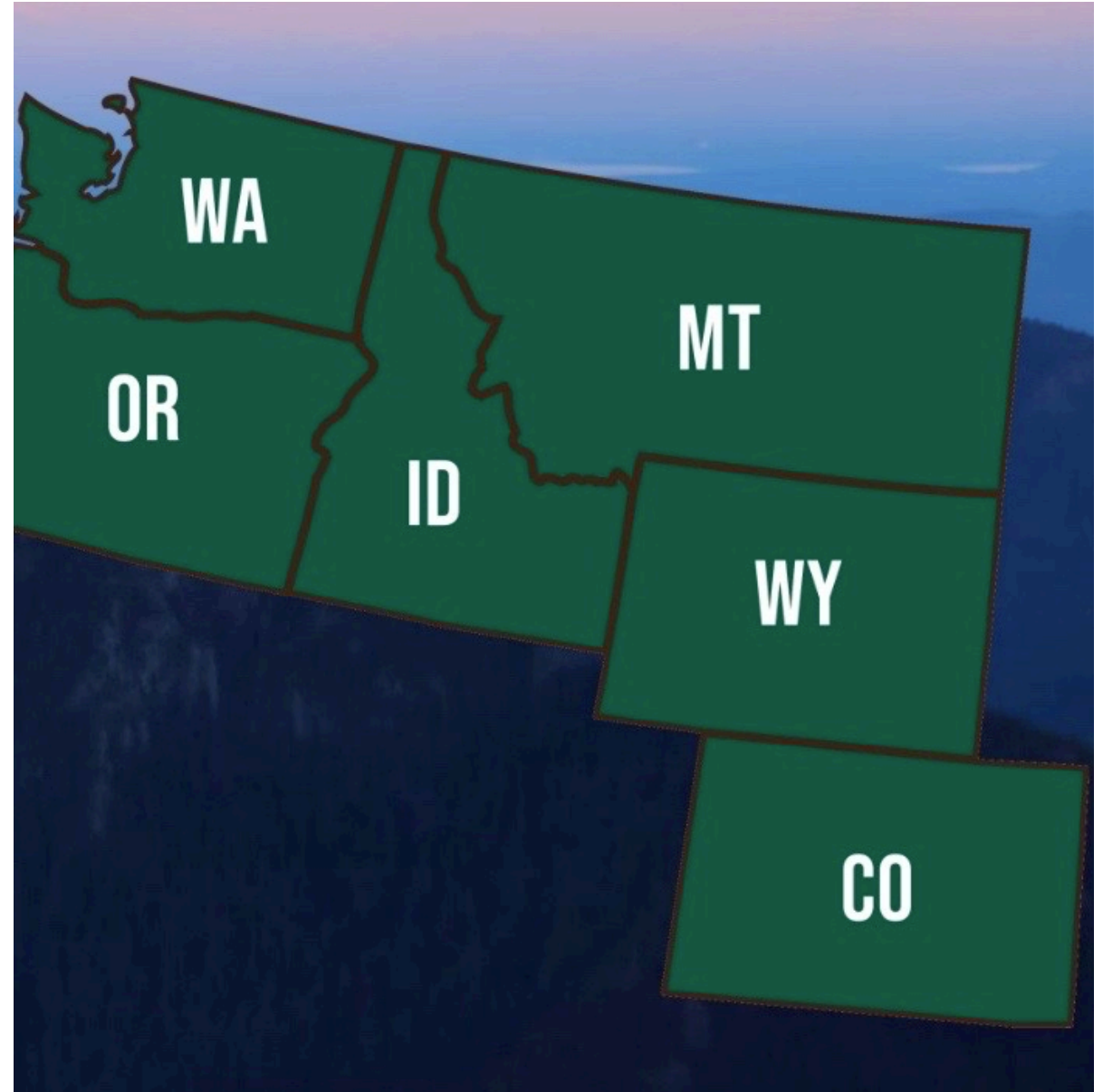


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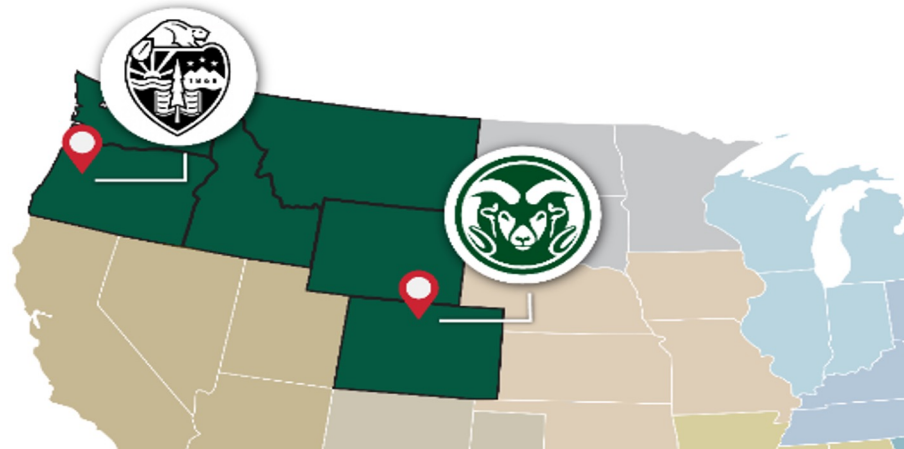


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Connecting, Strengthening, and Scaling Food Supply Chains

Provide foundational business development support for **small and mid-sized food and agriculture businesses** participating in **local and regional food sectors**



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Colorado State University

Oregon State University

Tahoma Peak Solutions

Niche Meat Processor Assistance Network

Food Corridor

Colorado Department of Agriculture

Oregon Department of Agriculture

OSU Food Innovation Center

Oregon Community Food Systems Network

Oregon Food Hub Network

University of Idaho

FARE Idaho

Sun Valley Institute for Resilience

Idaho State Department of Agriculture

Montana Department of Agriculture

Montana State University

Washington State University

Washington State Department of Agriculture

University of Wyoming

Central Wyoming College



# State Team Co-Leads

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# ACTIVITES

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## Coordination

- ◆ Cultivate and coordinate partnerships across diverse organizations and regional initiatives
- ◆ Serve as a state/regional resource and capacity building hub for federal grants and programs

## Technical Assistance

- ◆ Engage TA providers to support thematic needs and business development programs
- ◆ Support diverse activities and outcomes with emphasis on value chain and coordination, scaling up small/mid-tier operations and one-on-one assistance

## Capacity Building

- ◆ Implement Business Builder Awards to build capacity among under-invested operations
- ◆ Expand supply chain professional development and strategy for thematic and regional market leaders





**Building Animal Protein Supply Chain Capacity** with strategic investment in businesses and systems that will support local regional meat and other animal protein supply chains



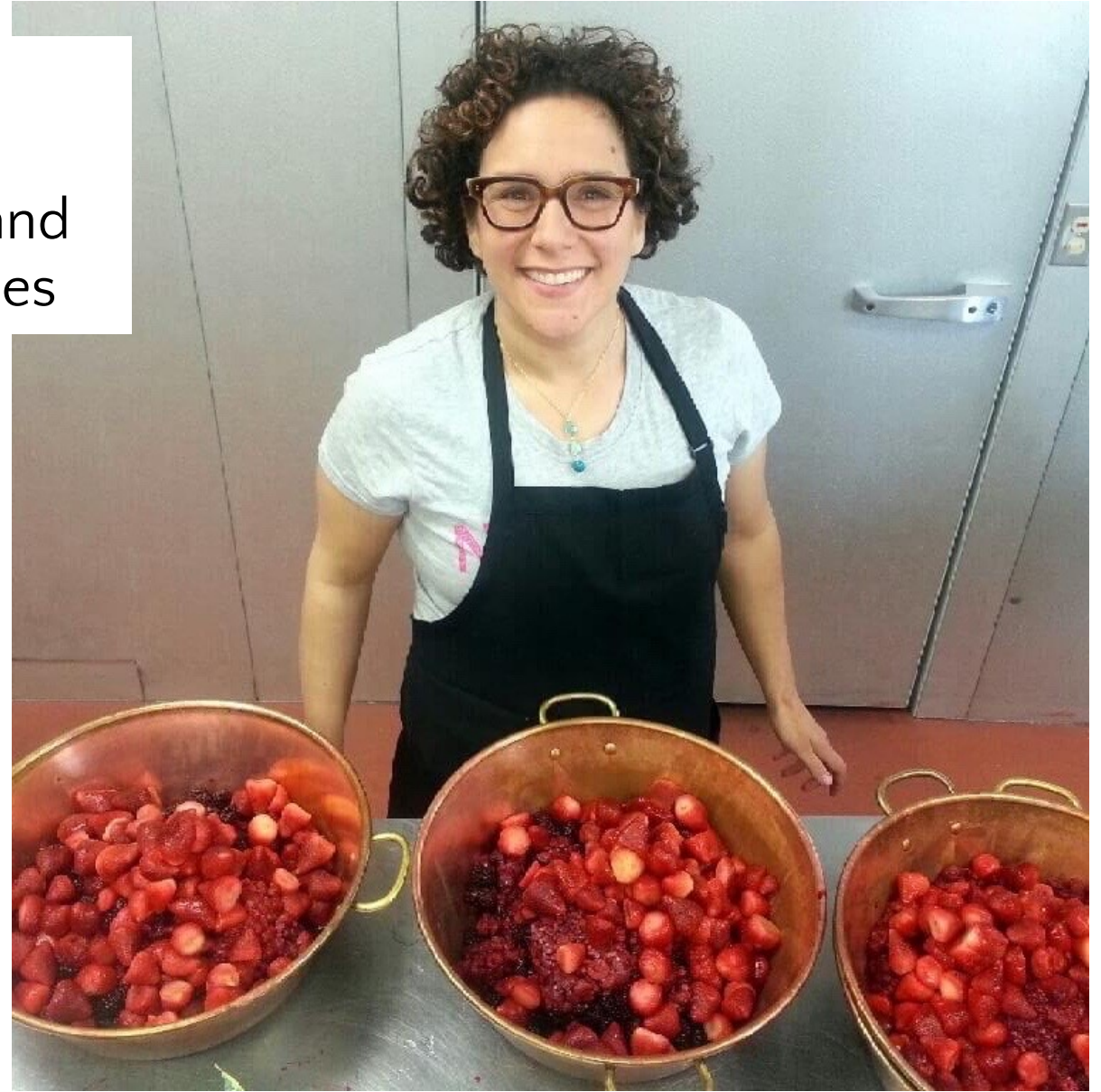


**Creating Diverse Markets for Climate Resilient Agriculture** by expanding and diversifying markets for climate resilient grain and pulse cropping systems



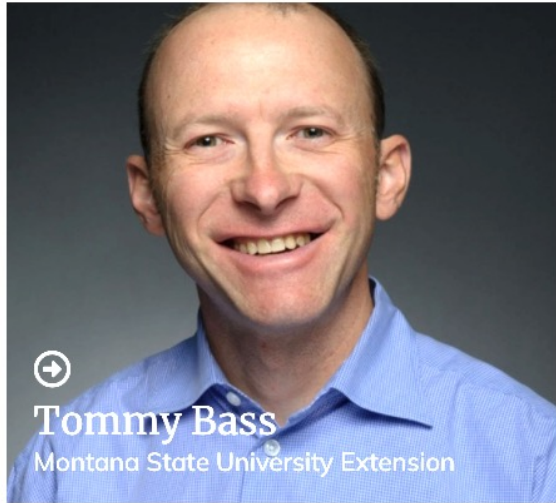
## Connecting and Scaling Food Entrepreneurs

supporting connection and  
scaling of food enterprises



# Theme Co-Leads

## Building Animal Protein Supply Chains



## Right-Size Investing and Infrastructure



## Connecting and Scaling Food Entrepreneurs



## Diverse Markets for Climate Resilient Agriculture





Supporting **Right-Size Investing and Infrastructure** to improve access to capital and to enhance business success and long-term viability



# Discussion

- What is working well?
- What areas could use additional resources, information and/or technical assistance?
- What existing technical assistance would you like to see offered in your geographic region?
- What else would you like us to know?



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