



## Activities and Projects Updates Summary

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Please provide a bulleted synopsis of major activities and projects in which you or your organization are engaged that you would like to share with the group.

Our focus this year is on redefining our mission for the next 5-10 years. We have been celebrating our 10 Year Anniversary this past year, and now it is time to focus on where we want to see the Center grow in the future.

- New Model
  - We are working on finalizing a new model for our Incubator that would allow for a mix of businesses - both startup businesses that need/want a coach and more established businesses that just want to be part of a collaborative community without coaching
  - We are considering creating a membership option that would allow community members to engage in our activities and community without having to be a member of the Incubator
  
- Workshops
  - Our 2017 calendar of events can be found at: <http://nbdcenterdirect.com/events>. Not all of our events have been listed yet but will be soon, and we update throughout the year as new opportunities are created.
  - Collaborating with REAP and Community Development Resources to offer 4 free workshops throughout the year
  - We are in the process of finalizing a menu of workshops that we will be able to offer throughout our 15-county service area
  
- Weekly Coffees
  - We host a free coffee every Thursday at 10 a.m. These coffees include a brief presentation with Q&A by that day's speaker, refreshments, and relaxed networking. Email Steve at [sbors@southeast.edu](mailto:sbors@southeast.edu) if you'd like to be added to the coffee mailing list or if you are interested in speaking. We get a variety of entrepreneurs, potential entrepreneurs, and service providers of all ages.
  
- 2016 Stats
  - 996 coaching sessions / 633 coaching hours / 194 different clients
  - 69 training/networking events / 1,346 attendees
  - 9 current Incubator businesses

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