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John has more than 25 years of business experience with major corporations as well as small businesses. He is with the WSU/Small Business Development Center in Tacoma, and has served clients in Pierce County as a Business Advisor since 2004. He was selected the Washington State STAR Performer in 2012. Much of his corporate career was in production, engineering and management. His small business experience includes management in manufacturing, recreation and consulting industries. John's public service work includes terms on municipal planning commissions. He is past Chair of Tennis Officials, Pacific Northwest Section of the United States Tennis Association and is a certified national tennis official. His education includes an M.B.A. (University of Denver) and a B.S. in Industrial Engineering (Montana State University). He is a Certified Business Advisor in Washington.

Lacey – Ron Nielsen

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Ron is the Center Director of South Puget Sound Community College, Small Business Development Center (SBDC). He has 14 years of experience as a SBDC Center Director and business advisor. Ron has 27 years of business experience; he has owned and operated three businesses for a total of 17 years. Ron is a Certified NxLevel business instructor, a Profit Mastery facilitator, a NASBITE International Certified Global Business Professional, and an Economic Development Finance Professional (EDFP). Ron can assist you with: loan packaging, all aspects of debt and equity financing, debt restructuring, financial statement analysis, identify ways to improve operational efficiency, financial forecasting, develop business plans, market positioning for small companies, human resource(HR)questions, government regulations and business expansion. Ron is a Certified Business Advisor (CBA), and member of the Washington Small Business Development Center Network.

South Seattle – Steve Burke

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Steve Burke is the Certified Business Advisor and Certified Global Business Professional at the SBDC Center South Seattle/Tukwila, WA – Located at Evergreen Business Capital 13925 Interurban Ave. South Seattle, WA 98168 Steve has 30 years of experience in the property asset management business much of it underwriting small business financials and business plans for commercial leases. His passion is studying current trends in the economy, technology, business tools and techniques and using those to assist small business owners in South Seattle, SODO, West Seattle, Tukwila, Renton and the Eastside areas in a full range of assistance from technology, innovation and reinvention to landlord/tenant issues, business plans, marketing, finance and financing. He has 10 years of experience owning his own business including obtaining SBA loans. He has an MBA from San Diego State University and is looking forward to helping you grow your business.

Auburn – Taryn Hornby

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Taryn recently joined the SBDC after 13 years in the banking industry. She began her career in the Asset-Based/Commercial Finance industry. She held positions ranging from Auditor to Vice President, New Business Development. She was first employed with a small lender specializing in loans ranging from \$250,000 – \$5MM. As her career progressed she then moved to the 10th largest bank in the world and finally to a sub of the largest bank in the world where she sourced loans ranging from \$5MM-\$100MM. She has also worked for a cash flow lender, one of the largest in the US as a Small Business Banker, New Business Development. She has owned her own business, starting it with an original idea, developing the organization and selling it several years later. She received her MBA from Northern Illinois University and her B.S. in Accounting from the University of Illinois. She has also passed the CPA exam.