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**GOLDEN STATE SBDC PROGRAM ANNOUNCES SELECTION OF  
GILLIAN MURPHY AS STATE STAR**

Golden State SBDC Director Janice Rhodd announced that Gillian Murphy has been selected as the 2004 State Star of the Golden State SBDC Program.

“I am pleased to make this announcement, and to recognize Gillian Murphy for extraordinary contributions to the work of the San Joaquin Delta College SBDC and small businesses in the four counties of Alpine, Amador, Calaveras and San Joaquin,” said Janice Rhodd, Director.

Gillian Murphy is Director at the San Joaquin Delta College Small Business Development Center in Stockton. Gillian Murphy was chosen by the Golden State SBDC for being an exemplary performer, making a significant contribution to the Golden State SBDC Program, and showing a strong commitment to small business in the region.

“It is an honor to accept this award,” said Gillian Murphy “and to have the opportunity to help so many people achieve the dream of starting and succeeding in their own business.”

America’s Small Business Development Center Network is a partnership uniting private enterprise, government, higher education and local nonprofit economic development organizations. It is the Small Business Administration’s largest partnership program, providing management and technical assistance to help Americans start, run and grow their own businesses. With about 1,000 centers across the nation, the SBDC network assists approximately 650,000 small businesses every year in face-to-face counseling and training, in addition to assisting hundreds of thousands more small businesses through fax-on-demand and e-mail.

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