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## **VyStar Credit Union to Host ‘Access to Capital Forum’ with US Department of Commerce Regional Minority Business Development Agency**

**Jacksonville, Florida** — Capital is crucial for the growth and success of any business, particularly for small, local, and diverse enterprises. To provide valuable insights into financial opportunities and support the journey of these businesses, VyStar Credit Union, in partnership with the US Department of Commerce’s Regional Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) Business Center based in Orlando, will host the 2025 Access to Capital Forum.

This event is scheduled for Wednesday, January 15th, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at VyStar Credit Union’s headquarters in downtown Jacksonville. Local developing, small, and diversity owned businesses are encouraged to attend and explore VyStar’s range of financial products and services.

Topics include: Compliance, Microloans, FinTech, Commercial Products & Services, and Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI).

We are excited to introduce this year’s panel of expert lenders who will deliver specific information on Access to Capital opportunities in the marketplace.

### **Speakers:**

- Brian Wolfburg – VyStar Credit Union, President and CEO
- Pat Gibbons – VyStar Credit Union, Deputy General Counsel, SVP of Compliance and Risk
- Willie Johnson – VyStar Credit Union, VP of Strategic Sourcing and Procurement
- Kimberly Rosier Jean-Louis Burns – MBDA Orlando, Exec Dir. & 3D Strategic Management, President
- Casey Callinsky – VyStar Credit Union, SVP Strategic Initiatives
- Heather Horovitz – VyStar Credit Union, SVP CDFI and Impact Lending

### **Access to Capital Forum**

- Date: Wednesday, January 15, 2025
- Time: 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- Location: VyStar Headquarters, 76 S. Laura Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202

[Register here](#) or visit <https://VyStarCreditUnion-MBDA.eventbrite.com>. For questions, please contact Kimberly Rosier Jean-Louis at [Kimberly@3DStrategicManagement.com](mailto:Kimberly@3DStrategicManagement.com).

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### ***About VyStar Credit Union***

*VyStar Credit Union is the second-largest credit union headquartered in Florida, with 79 full-service branches, 1 million members and assets of over \$14 billion. VyStar is the top mortgage lender in Northeast Florida and a major employer in the region with over 2,300 employees across the communities it serves. VyStar membership is open to everyone who lives or works in the 49 contiguous counties of Central to North Florida, 29 Georgia counties, and past and present military*



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