

#### **Our Vision**

Create and maintain a working relationship with small businesses in our region that are starting the process of exporting or are in need of professional guidance with international trade.



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## SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY EDWARDSVILLE

# FUEL THE FUTURE

Journey to Business Success



**SCHOOL OF BUSINESS** 

The Fuel the Future event will take place April 14th 9am-12pm at Birger Hall . The event will include speeches from organizational leaders on what SIUE's SBDC and ITC have to offer to small business partners. The event will also highlight the recipients of the Fuel the Future Award presented to small business representatives to recognize them for their successes regionally and in particular in exporting.



### Small Business Development Center

Jo Ann May, Director

Illinois Metro East Small Business
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By assisting entrepreneurs and companies in defining their path to success, the Small Business Development Center SIUE (SBDC) network positively impacts the Metro East Illinois region by strengthening the business community, creating and retaining new jobs, and encouraging new investment.



The Passport to Success grant funded by the U.S. Department of Education has enabled the Small Business Development Center and the International Trade Center within the School of Business at SIUE to collaborate towards increasing opportunities for small businesses in the Metro-East Illinois region to engage in international trade. Attend our event to find out more about the opportunities available!

## International Trade Center Silvia Torres Bowman, Director

*Illinois SBDC International Trade Center* 

The Illinois SBDC International Trade Center at SIUE (ITC) provides comprehensive international trade services for small and medium-sized businesses, preparing them for long-term international success through its export readiness and expansion programs. The ITC's mission is to foster world trade through collaboration with SIUE's academic programs, partnerships with state and federal entities, and outreach to the small business communities in Southern Illinois, helping them enter into foreign markets and grow their exporting capabilities.