



**Lisa Shimkat**  
**Chair, America's SBDC Board of Directors**  
**State Director, America's SBDC Iowa**

Lisa Shimkat of Fort Dodge is the State Director of the America's Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Iowa. America's SBDC Iowa has 15 centers across the state that provide business counseling for entrepreneurs in all areas of starting, operating and expanding a business, including utilizing existing community loan programs in partnership with banks and federal programs.

Lisa earned her associates of arts degree at Iowa Central, before moving on to earn her bachelors and MBA from Iowa State University. She served on the Securities and Exchange Commission Advisory Committee on Small and Emerging Companies through 2017. She also serves on the Iowa Economic Development Authority Board since May of 2019 and is serving her fourth term on the national ASBDC board and is the Board Chair. In 2022, Lisa was recognized as a Distinguished Iowa Central alum and inducted into the Hall of Fame. She was also recognized by the Des Moines Business Record as a 2023 Woman of Influence in Iowa.