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### International Reach: A Russian Economic Development Cohort Visits the SBDC



Photo from left: Mauricio Diaz; 4th from left is Susan McCartney; Far right is Gabriella Cilento of the International Institute; the rest are our Russian Guests.

On February 20, the Buffalo State Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and Office of Economic Development hosted a team of economic development specialists from the Russian capital of Moscow (Moscow). The six person Russian delegation engaged in an informative and lively discussion with Buffalo State's Dr. Susan McCartney and Mr. Mauricio Canton Diaz. Topics included American entrepreneurship, innovation, and government procurement. Their visit was managed by the International Institute of Buffalo and the Open World Leadership Program.

The Russian cohort was particularly interested in learning more about the purpose of the Small Business Development Center and the wide range of entrepreneurs we assist. They were most surprised about the SBDC program: KidBiz. They were amazed that such a program includes entrepreneurs as young as eight years old. They smiled saying, "now we know the secret to American success—the children!"

