

**Brief Bio****Jackie Perry, Executive Director  
Beaver Street Enterprise Center**

Jackie Perry is the executive director for Beaver Street Enterprise Center. (BSEC) . She came to the business incubator after a twenty-three year career in operations management and human resource development. She previously worked for many years as an operations manager, and management trainer for Aetna and Prudential and worked in human resources for Prudential HealthCare. Jackie serves on the board of Florida Community College at Jacksonville Business Advisory Group for Kent Campus, is a member of the board of directors for First Coast Business Alliance and Hart-Felt Ministries. A graduate of Blueprint for Leadership, Jackie is also a member of the Leadership Jacksonville class of 2011.

At BSEC, Jackie oversees operations and management for the 25,000 square foot facility which provides business assistance, business support services, as well as office space and infrastructure for new and emerging businesses. The Beaver Street incubator is dedicated to providing a diverse, sustainable environment in which new and emerging companies can develop and achieve growth, with the end result being profitable businesses, job creation, capital generation, economic diversity and a positive impact on the Jacksonville community.

Jackie and her staff currently support 20 clients who consist of a diverse cluster of service, construction and IT related businesses. Clients have created over 1000 jobs over the past six years and have generated a revenue base of over 25 million dollars over the past two years. The Center has graduated a total of eight companies who have launched their businesses beyond incubator walls into the broader community. The National Business Incubation Association (NBIA), which honors exemplary member incubation programs for their best practice results and performance, named BSEC as a 2007 Finalist for Incubator of the Year in the Service and Manufacturing category. The incubator was selected as the NBIA's 2010 International Incubator of the Year.

In 2006, Jackie was named Jacksonville's Advocate of the Year at the National Minority Enterprise Development Week (MED Week) which recognizes the tremendous contributions of minority business owners toward the continued economic development of our nation. In 2008 she was named Small Business Administration's 2008 Minority small Business Champion of the Year for the North Florida District, and was nominated as an EVE finalist, receiving recognition for her efforts and accomplishments in the area of Employment. More recently, Jackie was recognized as one of the Jacksonville Business Journal's Woman of Influence for 2009 and was selected as the small Business Development Center at the University of North Florida's Regional Resource Partner of the Year.