



Small Business Finance



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40

YEARS

as the leader in
nonprofit lending

18.3

BILLION

Dollars in SBA Real
Estate Financed

105.8

MILLION

Dollars in Working
Capital Loans

165

MILLION

Dollars to
women, veterans
+ minorities

203

THOUSAND

Jobs Created
and Preserved

Catherine Riddle is the chief financial and technology officer at CDC Small Business Finance, the largest SBA 504 real estate lender in the nation. She also serves as the chief executive of CDC Ventures, a subsidiary that creates software products designed to make small-business lending easier.

As chief financial officer, Riddle is responsible for budgeting, financial reporting and analysis, asset management, and oversight of all accounting functions.

As chief technology officer, she ensures management and staff have the best technological tools available to accomplish the company's goals -- primarily getting more affordable capital into the hands of entrepreneurs to drive economic growth in the communities we serve.

CDC Ventures develops and supports software for all aspects of SBA 504 loan production, data management, and contact management. Our flagship product, Ventures+, was originally an in-house solution to handle our loan processing and portfolio management. But through continuous innovation and foresight, we expanded this service to other small-business lenders. To date, more than 200 clients use Ventures+, which stands as one of the top portfolio-management resources in our industry.

Since 1994, Riddle has worked in various functions at CDC Small Business Finance, including credit, servicing and loan-production management.

Before CDC, Riddle was a loan review officer for Pacific Southwest Bank in Corpus Christi, Texas, where she was responsible for reviewing and risk rating commercial loans. and participating in due diligence reviews.

She lives in The Woodlands, Texas with her two daughters.

Education:

- Bachelor's degree in business administration, with an emphasis in finance, University of Texas
- Master's degree in business administration from the University of Houston

Current community involvement:

- Board vice chair of National Association of Development Companies. Also known as NADCO, this is a 200-member advocacy group of nonprofit lenders focused on fueling economic development by way of the SBA's 504 real estate loan program.
- Member of the NADCO board since 2012