

Bank of America is No. 1 for 3rd year in 7(a)
 Sharing in a congratulatory moment with Bank of America, winners of their third consecutive top 7(a) lending award (left) Jim Vauhn, Bank of America Senior Vice President, and Rob Hilson, Bank of America Market President, Miami-Dade County are (from center-left to center right) Nuby J. Fowler, Francisco "Pancho" A. Marrero, SBA's South Florida District Director, John N. Dunn, Jr., Assistant District Director, Capital Access (SBA)



FBDC is No. 1 in 504 market
 Emmanuel Manos, President, Florida Business Development Corporation, accepts the South Florida Districts top lender award for FY 2003 504 CDC Program lending as Ilene P. Rubio, SBA's South Florida District Marketing Manager Area - 1 looks on. The FBDC has claimed second place in 504 lending at the national level for the past 11 years.



Micro-Business gets it right
 Kathleen Gordon (center), President of Micro-Business USA, displays the South Florida District award for underwriting the most microloans in South Florida for the third consecutive year. John N. Dunn, Jr. (left), SBA's South Florida District Assistant District Director for Capital Access and Micro-Business, Miltrina Fordham look on.

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South Florida lending award winners

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Director Marrero and Deputy District Director Gilbert Colón with a City of Miami proclamation declaring November 12th as SBA Day.

FY 2003 Award Winners Highest Number of 7(a) Loans

Platinum

200 + Loans Guaranties Approved
 Bank of America

1,693

Silver

50 to 99 Loan Guaranties Approved
 Community Bank of Manatee
 Business Loan Center, LLC
 Wachovia Small Business Lending, Inc.
 Banco Popular, NA
 CIT Small Business Lending Corp.
 Union Planters Bank
 California Bank & Trust
 Capital One, FSB

53
 53
 58
 65
 69
 73
 74
 97

Bronze

25 to 49 Loan Guaranties Approved
 HSBC Bank, USA
 Temecula Valley Bank, NA
 Fidelity Federal Bank & Trust
 GE Capital Small Business Finance Corp.
 Comerica Bank
 United Bank & Trust Company
 Innovative Bank

25
 28
 33
 36
 41
 45
 47

Most Improved 7(a) Lender

Citibank, FSB

23

Certified Development Companies

Highest Number of 504 Loans
 Florida Business Development Corp.

170

First Mortgage Lender

GE Capital Small Business Finance Corp.

73

Most Improved Certified Development Company

Florida First Capital Finance Corporation

97

Microloan Intermediaries

Highest Number of Loans Dispersed
 Micro-Business, USA

276

International Trade Loans

Highest Number of Loan Guaranties Approved
 Bank of America

73

Veteran Loans

Highest Number of Loan Guaranties Approved
 Bank of America

129

Team Loans

Highest Number of Loans to
 African Americans, Asian Americans/
 Pacific Islanders, Hispanic Americans,
 Native Americans, and Women

Bank of America

846