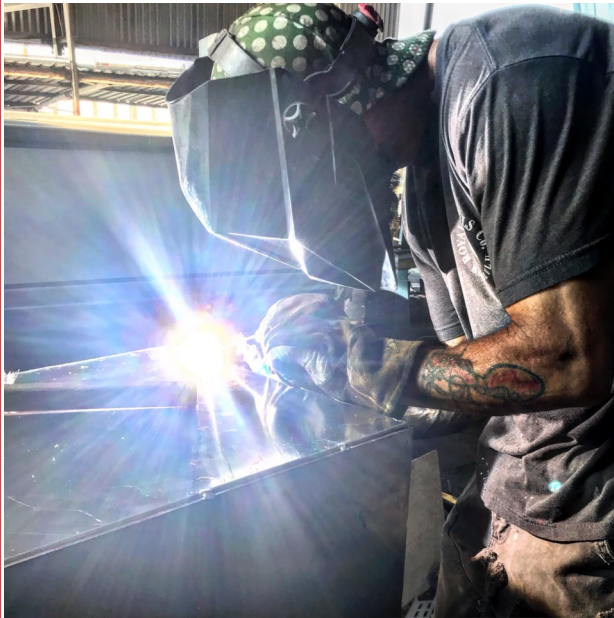


HAWAII SBDC SUCCESS STORY - O'AHU CENTER

Adept Engineering



Before starting Adept Engineering, Josh Shuman created and founded JS Marine, a welding and fabrication business. Due to a series of administrative oversights, JS Marine found itself inundated with state and federal tax debt. Josh quickly realized the seriousness of the tax debt, and he asked the SBDC for assistance. His SBDC advisor worked with him to set up tax debt repayment plans and connected him with a CPA to further assist him with his taxes. Since Josh's first meeting with the SBDC, he has been aggressively paying down his tax debt with JS Marine and taking the initiative to learn about bookkeeping to prevent future tax problems with his new business, Adept Engineering.

The best entrepreneurs are not those who never make mistakes; they are individuals like Josh Shuman who learn from their mistakes and continue to drive their business forward. Josh's new business, Adept Engineering, provides the same welding and fabrication services as JS Marine, while also adding new revenue streams such as design consulting services, property management, and wholesaling products for fabricators like custom marker pens. The SBDC is assisting Josh with enhancing revenue streams, managing human capital, and organizing business operations.