

BUSINESS PROFILE

Alvarado's Tax Service

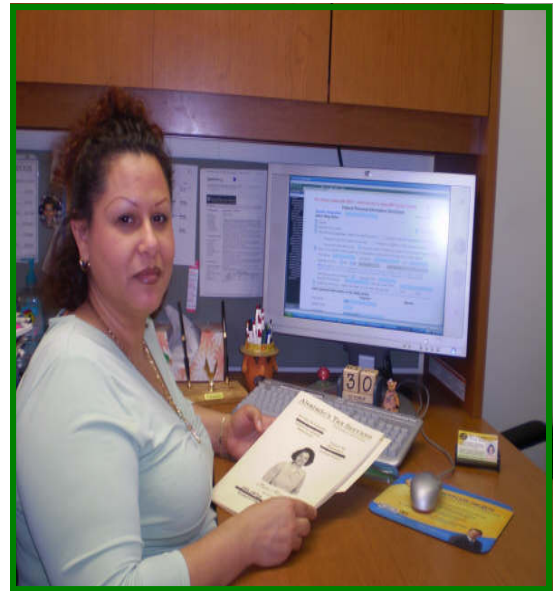
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County: Platte

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Business: Alvarado's Tax Services was started in January of 2006 by Maria Alvarado with the purpose of offering income tax preparation and translation services to the Hispanic community in the Columbus area.

Micro Program(s) Assistance: In the fall of 2006 Maria attended the Business Plan Training in Columbus and received significant Technical Assistance individually and through the Columbus Roundtable Group. This helped her to move her business from her home to a storefront and to expand her business. Now in addition to tax services, she offers translation of documents, wireless money transfers, bus and air fare tickets. This has increased the number of clients and she has been able to hire one part-time employee.

Impact: Future plans for the business include expanding income tax services to the broader community and offering bookkeeping services for small business. One full-time job retained and one part-time job added.