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**4TH ANNUAL
IMMIGRANT SMALL
BUSINESS PITCH**

📅 March 5, 2026 | 4:30pm-7:30PM
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Meet the Judges



Deeqo Jibril

Director of Small Business Development
*Executive Office of Economic
Development*

Deeqo Jibril serves as the Director of Small Business Development at the Executive Office of Economic Development, where she works closely with the Undersecretary, Secretary, EOED agencies, quasi-public partners, and external stakeholders to coordinate cross-Secretariat strategies and advance high-impact economic development initiatives. Through leadership in strategic planning, policy formulation, and program execution, she supports the Commonwealth's mission to promote sustainable economic growth, workforce development, and business expansion across Massachusetts. Deeqo has been on the road leading EOED's Small Business Office Hours where she is listening to stories and connecting people with resources to help them succeed.

Previously, she spent six years at the City of Boston's Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion, working with Main Street districts and leading immigrant-focused workshops to support small business owners. A refugee from Somalia, Deeqo has been a Massachusetts resident since the age of 12, an experience that deeply informs her commitment to inclusive, community-driven economic development.

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