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PRESS RELEASE

Puerto Rico Small Business Development Centers: 20 Years of Success Stories

The Puerto Rico Small Business and Technology Development Centers is celebrating its 20th Year Anniversary, highlighting its economic development impact in Puerto Rico. The Puerto Rico SBTDC will be hosting the "Think Big and Grow Smarter Business Summit" on August 18th, 2017 at the Condado Plaza Hilton.

"We are proud to showcase the history of multiple entrepreneurs that began as start-ups and have grown to become successful businesses." said Carmen Marti, Executive Director of the Puerto Rico SBTDC. "Every year our team supports hundreds of great ideas that entrepreneurs share to begin their incredible journey; including farmers."

The PR SBTDC has served more than 40,000 clients and retained and created nearly 45,200 jobs. Business consultants provided assistance achieving \$593 million in capital for local business; resulting in an increase in sales of \$705 million and in \$221 million in small business contracts with the federal government.

"When this program began 20 years ago, many entrepreneurs visited our offices in search of advice to start their business, today we are very proud of their growth and success," said Marti.

Our successful clients include 40 small business awardees recognized by the U.S. Small Business Administration and local associations. Entrepreneurs received support from PR SBTDC certified consultants and today, they are themselves leaders in their respective industries.

For more information related to the PR SBTDC success stories, training programs and counseling services, please visit www.prsbtdc.org

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