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Pacific Islands SBDC Network Achieves Full ASBDC Accreditation Through 2029

Mangilao, Guam — February 24, 2026 — The Pacific Islands Small Business Development Center Network (PISBDCN), hosted by the University of Guam School of Business and Public Administration, is proud to announce that it has achieved full accreditation from the America's Small Business Development Centers (ASBDC) Association.

This achievement affirms that PISBDCN meets the highest national standards for quality, impact, and operational excellence in delivering small business advising, training, and economic development services across Guam, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of Palau, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

“This milestone reflects the dedication, collaboration, and commitment of our entire network, from our Business Advisors and Service Center Directors to our valued partners and host institution. Achieving full accreditation reinforces our mission to deliver high-quality, results-driven services to the small businesses that are the backbone of our island economies.” – Frederick Granillo, Network Director

Accreditation by ASBDC is a rigorous process that evaluates SBDC networks on key areas including:

- Program management and governance
- Client service delivery and advising quality
- Training effectiveness and outreach
- Data integrity and performance measurement
- Economic impact and stakeholder engagement

Full accreditation also qualifies the network to continue receiving funding through the U.S. Small Business Administration's Office of Small Business Development Centers, ensuring sustained support for entrepreneurs and small businesses throughout the Pacific region.



The PISBDCN remains committed to continuous improvement, innovation, and expanding access to business resources, including targeted support for our underserved communities.

The next accreditation review for the network is scheduled for 2029.

About the Pacific Islands SBDC Network

The Pacific Islands Small Business Development Center Network (PISBDCN) provides no-cost, confidential business advising and low-cost training to entrepreneurs and small business owners across the Pacific region. Hosted by the University of Guam, the network supports business start-up, growth, resilience, and innovation through expert guidance and strategic partnerships.

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