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PACIFIC BUSINESS CENTER PROGRAM
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

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University of Hawaii

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CENTER LOCATION

Office of Innovation & Commercialization

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CENTER ACTIVITIES

- Technical assistance
 - Entrepreneurship support
 - Innovation & commercialization support
 - Workforce development
 - Regenerative economic development
 - Applied research
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CLIENTS

- Distressed communities & underserved populations
 - Private sector entrepreneurs & small businesses
 - Government & community agencies
 - Faculty & researchers
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UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII EDA UNIVERSITY CENTER

The University of Hawaii EDA University Center's mission is:

Helping indigenous island economies help themselves by adapting the resources of the University of Hawaii to support Pacific Island economic, business, and community development in a manner that is holistic, responsible, and builds local island capacity.

SERVICE AREA

The Pacific Business Center Program's service area is the State of Hawaii and the U.S. Affiliated Pacific Islands (USAPI), which includes the Territory of American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia (Chuuk, Kosrae, Pohnpei, and Yap), the Territory of Guam, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau.

CENTER FOCUS

The Pacific Business Center Program will focus on increasing the region's resiliency, through projects that (1) benefit distressed communities and underserved populations, (2) link the workforce to education and training, (3) support commercialization opportunities, (4) aid entrepreneurship, and (5) support regenerative economic development leading to environmental and social benefits. The long-term economic impact is the creation of a more sustainable, resilient, and equitable future for the region's people, economies, and island environments.

ACTIVITIES

The Center provides technical assistance to private sector entrepreneurs and small businesses, in the form of entrepreneurship and business planning workshops, business counseling, industry/market research, operational analysis, feasibility / business / marketing / strategic plans, supply chain connections, and access to markets. The Center also provides technical assistance to government and community agencies, and distressed communities, with the overall goal of economic recovery and resiliency in the region. Assistance includes the development of solutions for Pacific Island challenges through a regenerative economic development model that weaves the best of modern science and technology with the traditional experience and wisdom of Oceania. Applied research activities focus on economic / industry topics of interest to specific clients and partners, and encouraging innovation and commercialization.