The Business and Economic Development Center (BEDC), attached to the University of Puerto Rico (UPR) at Mayagüez, College of Business Administration, is a program established in 1986 with the purpose of promoting economic and business development throughout the island.

Our mission is to promote the development of a business ecosystem that mobilizes the multidisciplinary human and technical resources available at UPR in order to stimulate innovation, entrepreneurship (I&E), and economic development.

The Business and Economic Development Center services include:

**ASSISTANCE FOR: STARTUP & EXISTING BUSINESSES**

- Technical assistance.
- Business Training (face-to-face and online).
- Referrals and support to incubation programs.
- Mentoring to business competitions.

**I&E ECOSYSTEM**

Through the UPRM E-ship Network, we provide support to entrepreneurs and innovators with:

- Events and strategic collaborations with entrepreneurs, state agencies, municipal governments or community organizations to promote an ecosystem that support.
- These events could include seminars, workshops, certifications, virtual mentoring, among others.

**IMPACT: SEPT 2016 - SEPT 2019**

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