

LOURDES A. LEON GUERRERO

Governor of Guam
I Maga'Haga Guahan

JOSHUA F. TENORIO

Lt. Governor of Guam
I Segundo Na Maga'Lahen Guahan



CHRISTINA D. GARCIA
Chief Executive Officer/Administrator
Ufisiãt Atmenestradoran Eksekutibon Akãdi

CARLOS P. BORDALLO
Deputy Administrator
Sigundo Atmenestrãdõt

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

January 28, 2026

GEDA Releases Business Resource Guide to Support Guam's Business Community

Tamuning, Guam — The Guam Economic Development Authority (GEDA) has released its **Business Resource Guide**, a one-page handout designed to help local businesses quickly understand and access the wide range of programs, loans, and tools offered to support business startup, growth, and expansion.

The guide consolidates financing opportunities, export development programs, local product branding support, investment incentives, and venture capital pathways, giving Guam's business community a clear overview of resources available to help them succeed at every stage.

"By making our programs easier to navigate, we empower more entrepreneurs to pursue their goals with confidence. This outreach effort is about strengthening communities," said Siska Hutapea, GEDA Chairwoman of the Board of Directors. "When our local businesses succeed, our villages, families, and workforce succeed along with them."

As part of GEDA's ongoing community outreach efforts, the handout will be distributed at upcoming events to include workshops, tradeshow, and business fairs to ensure that the local business community is aware of what is available to them. The initiative aligns with GEDA's mission to strengthen Guam's economy by supporting homegrown businesses and empowering new and existing entrepreneurs.

"GEDA is committed to ensuring that every Guam business, whether they are just starting or preparing to scale, has access to the financial tools and support systems needed to succeed. This guide puts those resources directly into the hands of our local business community," said Christina D. Garcia, GEDA CEO/Administrator.

Key highlights of the Business Resource Guide include:

- **Financing & Loan Support:** Direct loans, low-interest financing, loan guarantees, and surety bond assistance for small contractors.
- **Business Growth & Export Development:** Programs such as the Guam State Trade Expansion Program (GU STEP) and the Destinu Guãhã Venture Capital Fund to help companies innovate and reach global markets.
- **Local Product Development & Branding:** The Guam Product Seal program to promote and certify locally made products.
- **Investment Incentives:** The Qualifying Certificate (QC) Program offering tax benefits for eligible business activities.

For more information, visit investguam.com or contact (671) 647-4332.

###



Aturidãd Inadilãnton Ikunumihan Guahan

SUPPORTING GUAM'S BUSINESS COMMUNITY

YOUR PARTNER FOR GROWTH, OPPORTUNITY, AND INVESTMENT

The Guam Economic Development Authority provides programs and resources designed to strengthen local businesses at every stage; from startup to expansion.

FOR MORE INFORMATION



590 S. Marine Corps Drive
Suite 511 ITC Building
Tamuning, GUAM 96913
T 671 647 4332
F 671 649 4146
W investguam.com

INVESTMENT INCENTIVES

Tax benefits for approved projects.

Qualifying Certificate Program (QC)

The QC program provides tax incentives to businesses that make significant investments in Guam that contribute to the island's economic growth and creates new jobs for local residents. Companies that qualify may receive rebates or abatements on corporate income tax, business privilege tax, real property tax, and use tax depending on the eligible business activity. While often used by larger projects, the program is also available to local businesses in priority industries such as, but not limited to manufacturing, agriculture, technology, healthcare, and tourism.

FINANCING AND LOAN SUPPORT

Helping local businesses access the capital they need to start, expand, and succeed.

Guam Recovery Loan Program

Provides direct loans to small and medium-sized businesses that may not qualify for traditional bank financing. Funds can be used for startup costs, facility improvements, or equipment purchases that promote local economic growth.

Agriculture Development Fund (ADF)

Offers low-interest financing to support farmers, ranchers, and agribusiness owners. The program helps strengthen Guam's food security by investing in equipment, land development, and sustainable practices.

State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI) Loan Guarantee Program

Encourages local lenders to extend credit to small businesses by providing a GEDA-backed guarantee of up to 75% of the loan amount not exceeding \$1,000,000.00. Ideal for businesses that are creditworthy but need collateral support.

SSBCI Surety Bond Assistance Program

Assists small contractors in obtaining bonding required for government and private construction projects by providing a guarantee up to 30% not exceeding \$600,000.00 through approved surety partners.

BUSINESS GROWTH AND EXPORT DEVELOPMENT

Helping local businesses scale, innovate, and compete in global markets.

Guam State Trade Expansion Program (GU STEP)

Provides small businesses with export readiness trainings and conferences, financial assistance for new to export and/or market expansion activities, and access to international markets through trade shows and missions.



Destinu Guahån Venture Capital Fund (DGVC)

Encourages the creation and expansion of local businesses through equity investment partnerships. The program provides venture capital funding to promising Guam-based startups and growth-stage companies with strong potential for innovation, job creation, and long-term economic impact.



Destinu
Guahan

LOCAL PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT AND BRANDING

Celebrating and promoting products proudly made in Guam.

Guam Product Seal Program (GPS)

The GPS recognizes and certifies products that are made, manufactured, in Guam. The Guam Product Seal helps businesses market authentic local goods, strengthens brand identity, and promotes island pride.

