## REPUBLIC OF PALAU

## Republic of Palau dba Ministry of Finance

ASE Grant Award	\$429,846.83
Target Industries	Construction and building trades, nontraditional high-growth sectors such as clean energy and utilities, information technology and software, financial and allied health
Target Occupations	None identified
Registration Entity	U.S. Department of Labor
ASE Goals	225 apprentices, 50 new Registered Apprenticeship Programs (RAPs)

## **Key ASE Expansion Strategies**

- Fully integrate apprenticeship in traditional and new industries into state workforce development, education, and economic development strategies and programs to increase the supply of skilled workers to meet employer demand.
- Support the development of new RAPs and expansion of existing registered programs.
- Build state capacity to start apprenticeship programs that will enable business and partner agencies for apprentices to access opportunities.
- Build on the existing apprenticeship system by creating an apprentice mentor network, providing
  apprentice sponsors with resources, and aligning and improving state policies to support and integrate
  Registered Apprenticeship.
- Help employers overcome apprenticeship challenges by promoting apprenticeship to employers, developing information about available resources, and informing them about training programs, utilizing Chamber of Commerce.
- Build and enhance apprenticeship by working with the Ministry of Education, and adopt standards for quality pre-apprenticeship training, increasing counseling and activities for high school students, promoting college credit, and enhancing outreach to outlying rural communities.
- Develop state capacity to manage apprenticeship.