

# PUERTO RICO

## Department of Economic Development and Commerce

<b>ASE Grant Award</b>	\$709,753.20
<b>Target Industries</b>	Advanced manufacturing, construction, information technology, healthcare, hospitality, and business services
<b>Target Occupations</b>	Medical coders, electronic health records analysts, healthcare registration specialists, software analysts, software developers, website developers, software support specialists, technical documentation writers, computer numerical control (CNC) machine operators and machinists, electricians, and construction laborers
<b>Registration Entity</b>	U.S. Department of Labor
<b>ASE Goals</b>	315 apprentices, 10 new Registered Apprenticeship Programs

### Key ASE Expansion Strategies

- Develop a workforce, cultivate innovation, and nurture and build upon networks and hubs that produce innovative products, processes, and services.
- Increase apprentices through accelerated pre-apprenticeship education programs.
- Educate employers, in collaboration with the Commonwealth's Workforce Development Board, the Puerto Rico Technology Corridor, and the Puerto Rico Manufacturing Extension Partnerships, by publicizing this initiative at employer awareness forums at least twice each 12-month period.
- Break down barriers and increase opportunities for underrepresented populations by offering programs at little or no cost, enhancing outreach efforts through agencies representing underserved populations, integrating subject matter experts on diversity to supply training to American Job Center and apprenticeship staff, encouraging participation of women in nontraditional apprenticeships through targeted outreach, and ensuring social service agencies are integrated in the recruitment and education delivery processes.