



About Us

At the Southern Puerto Rico Economic Development District (SPREDD), our primary objective is to enhance the regional economy and improve the quality of life for all residents. We engage in close collaboration with local, regional, and island-wide economic development initiatives, partnering with influential entities such as the Southern Puerto Rico Chamber of Commerce. This collaborative approach ensures alignment of our projects with broader economic strategies. Additionally, our organization has been entrusted by the Puerto Rico Planning Board with the responsibility of submitting the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS), demonstrating our unwavering dedication to fostering sustainable economic growth within our jurisdiction.

Our Vision

To position its six municipalities as leaders in building capacity, successfully implementing strategic initiatives, and improving the quality of life for all the region's citizens.

Our Mission

Our mission is to strengthen the regional economy of Southern Puerto Rico by attracting and training a workforce ready to lead economic revitalization and 21st Century innovation in order to retain existing businesses, encourage entrepreneurs to build new businesses and entice industries to make subsidy-free long-term investments. Some of this work is completed by public and private enterprises located within our region and a significant amount of this work is completed through partnerships with regional, territory and federal partnerships.

Key Initiatives

- Economic Development Panel Series
- Deep Dive Economic Development Plans
- Community of Practice
- Grant-writing Technical Assistance
- Pilot Lending Program
- Investor Networking Event
- Sector Based Strategy

Overarching Strategic Goals



Build economic development capacity within the region.



Maximize use of the Port of Ponce.



Provide targeted support for most promising industry sectors/clusters.



Address specific issues/opportunities to build additional economic development capacity.



Support the creation of a regional initiative centered on blue and green infrastructure as a global best practice.