M&T Bank and Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation Launch Spanish-Language 0-100 Business Accelerator Program

Building off the success of last year's inaugural program, this seven-week, free business accelerator program will offer cash prizes up to $4,500.

LARGO, Md., March 21, 2024 – M&T Bank (NYSE:MTB) and Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) today launched their 2nd annual 0-100 Business Accelerator Program. The program gives Spanish-speaking entrepreneurs the guidance and skills to build strong companies, spur economic growth in Prince George's County, and help build generational wealth. Registration for this free program is currently open for up to 30 participants.

The seven-week program which begins on April 25 features courses on business planning, establishing credit, managing bank accounts, marketing, branding, and licensing. Sessions will be led by representatives of M&T and Prince George's EDC and held entirely in Spanish.

Small business owners interested in participating in the program must complete an online application by April 5th, be fluent in Spanish, based in Prince George's County, and in good standing. Qualified applicants will be enrolled in the free program on a first-come, first-served basis.

The 0-100 Business Accelerator Program's courses will be held on Thursdays, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm ET, at Prince George's EDC, 1801 McCormick Drive, 3rd Floor, Largo, MD 20774 It will conclude June 14th with a graduation and award ceremony for the first place winner of a $4,500 pitch competition, funded by M&T Bank.

"We're excited to bring our 0-100 Small Business Accelerator back this year as we continue to support Spanish-speaking entrepreneurs in Prince George's County," said Vickie Mejia, M&T Bank's [Retail Regional Sales Manager, Greater Washington Market].

"The response we received to last year's program was overwhelming, and we are grateful to work with Prince George's County EDC to expand this year's offering. Ultimately, our program is an investment not only in the entrepreneurs who participate in the program but the social capital of the wider community."

We are thrilled about the return of the impactful 0 to 100 Business Accelerator Program and Pitch Competition. This year, the program has been specialized to provide more growth and strengthening opportunities for businesses. With the use of one-on-one mentoring sessions, each business will receive specific mentoring and resources to help them succeed, which will have positive reverberations throughout the county," said Rocio Treminio-Lopez, Latin Business Liaison of Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation."

To apply for the Prince George's 0-100 Business Accelerator Program, visit ourEnglish-language or Spanish-language landing pages.

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PGCEDC's mission is to cultivate and promote a strong local economy that supports the growth and prosperity of entrepreneurs and businesses, dedicated to strengthening communities through business development and job creation. For more information about the services the Economic Development Corporation provides to local companies, visit www.pgcedc.com.

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