

CENTRO PARA EL DESARROLLO  
ECONÓMICO LATINO

# LATINO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER

## WHO WE ARE

### LATINO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER/PLAZA DEL SOL

We are an association of Latino entrepreneurs and leaders in the state of Minnesota. For over 18 years, LEDC has provided programs that work with the growing the Latino community, and business community in Minneapolis, St. Paul and Greater MN. Plaza Del Sol is our recently acquired building to create small business incubators and community space.

## WHAT WE DO

### CAPITAL - EDUCATION - LENDING - AGRICULTURE

- We provide a complete agricultural business program. Over the last 10 years, LEDC has developed multiple ways to help Latino farmers in Minnesota both start and grow their farm businesses. We provide technical assistance, business development, access to capital and markets, as well as specialize in Organic and GAP certification.
- Lending to small and medium-sized businesses located in the state of Minnesota. Eligible borrowers include individuals, partnerships, corporations, and cooperatives.
- LEDC offers Employment/Training through literacy, language acquisition, obtaining their GED, and technical/business instruction for entrepreneurs. Our curriculum keeps the actual needs of a competitive business owner in mind, as well as the cultural needs of our community.
- Business Development is offered through assisting, supporting, financing, and launching hundreds of successful micro-entrepreneurs since 2003. In 2008 LEDC expanded its services to rural areas due to demand in communities such as Long Prairie, Willmar, Owatonna, Austin, St. Cloud, and Rochester among others.

## GOALS

### CAPITAL INVESTMENT

- A cash bonding appropriation of \$5 million for improvements to a recently acquired building through foreclosure at 990 Payne Avenue, Saint Paul, the site will be used as a small business incubator, community meeting facility, and space for technical assistance training.

