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## **U.S. CENTURY BANK ANNOUNCES ADDITION OF SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT LIUDMILA ESQUERDO AS DIRECTOR OF SBA**

**MIAMI—February 25, 2019—** U.S. Century Bank (USCB), one of the largest community banks in Miami-Dade County, today announced the addition of **Liudmila Esquerdo** as **Senior Vice President** and **Director of SBA**.

Esquerdo will be heading up USCB's new small business loan offerings that include the SBA 504 and 7(a) programs. The SBA 504 loan program offers small businesses long-term fixed rates ideal for the purchase of large assets like commercial real estate or machinery and equipment with a 10 percent down payment. The 7(a) loan program offers a variety of termed-loans to qualified small businesses and start-ups seeking capital.

"Liudmila's ('Lou') joining our team as director of SBA couldn't have been timelier. Lou's extensive knowledge and experience in SBA lending will be of great benefit to our small business customers who are looking to take advantage of U.S. Century's growth and expanded services including 504 and 7(a) SBA offerings," said Luis de la Aguilera, President and CEO.

Esquerdo, who has specialized in SBA administration, government guaranteed loans and secondary market sales for the last 20 years, comes to USCB from Valley where she served as vice president and SBA Business Development Officer overseeing South Florida. She has also served as vice president in SBA for Professional Bank, TotalBank, and Terrabank.

Esquerdo currently serves as social chair for the Florida Association of Government Guaranteed Lenders (FAGGL). She is also a member of various professional organizations including eWomen Network, United Women Professionals, and the National Association of Government Guaranteed Lenders (NAGGL) to name a few.

Esquerdo holds a bachelor's degree in economics and finance from Barry University.

### **About U.S. Century Bank**

Established in 2002, U.S. Century Bank, a 5-Star Bauer rated financial institution, is one of the largest community banks headquartered in Miami-Dade County and one of the largest Minority Deposit Institutions in Florida, with assets exceeding \$1.6 billion. Through its network of 11 branch locations and its online banking platform, U.S. Century Bank offers customers a wide range of financial products and services. U.S. Century Bank has received awards and accolades from numerous organizations for its philanthropic support and leadership, including the Beacon Council, Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, South Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and others. For more information or to find a U.S. Century branch near you, please call (305) 715-5200 or visit [www.uscentury.com](http://www.uscentury.com).