“Prior to this workshop, I thought that just having a great product would be enough... now I know I need to network, I need to promote it, I need to ask more questions, I need to get more feedback all the time to ensure I keep abreast of my customers’ demands...I need to do my homework.”
- Rose Simon, Participant, Entrepreneurs Boot Camp on Lanai

134 one-on-one business consultations by MEDB’s business development team with 97 companies; 48 were from the Information Technology Sector, 15 from accommodations and food product development, and 14 from manufacturing.

456 middle school students enrolled in STEMworks AFTERSchool™ program launched in August 2015. Students engage in hands-on STEM activities focus on cyber-security, app development, drones, programming/coding, GIS, agriculture, digital media, and robotics.

206 businesses in the nine Innovation Series workshops we presented this year, 81% of which described themselves as start-ups. Workshops topics included business plan development, human resource compliance, access to federal and state funding programs and financial modeling.

“AMOS was an invaluable opportunity for our Maui-based Photonics business. We were exposed to many new researchers and clients and we were able to connect with new customers that we would not have access to otherwise including international clients. We are very excited about the opportunities that resulted from participating in the AMOS conference.”
- Dan O’Connell, CEO, HNu Photonics

680 conferees to the 17th annual AMOS Conference, highest attendance ever. The overall program on Space Situational Awareness included three days of policy keynotes, 57 technical presentations, 71 posters presentations, 24 exhibitors, 4 short courses and an inaugural Operators Forum.

32 high school students in 2016 STEMworks™ Summer Internship program. Interns engaged in the paid, six-week program in which they were matched with a host company and mentor, helped companies with a special need, and participated in weekly college and career awareness assignments.

“Through STEMworks AFTERschool, I achieved more than I ever thought I could. With the support of MEDB and WIT, my partner and I won first place in a nationwide film competition. Thank you MEDB!”
- Czerena Bayle, Maui Waena Intermediate School 8th grader

“I would recommend Startup Weekend to someone who wants to start a business with little or no experience. It is helpful for a fast opportunity to learn what will be required to start a business.”
- 2016 Startup Weekend Participant

Celebrating our impact in 2016
2700 students in 27 schools statewide participating in STEMworks™, MEDB’s original K-12 project-based curriculum. Students use cutting edge technologies to design community service projects. The curriculum includes professional development for teachers, STEM lab equipment, industry connections, STEM career exposure, our annual Hawaii STEM conference, paid internships, college awareness.

$356,000 in donations to the 2016 Pathways to Our Future fundraiser for the MEDB Ke Alahele Education Fund. Since 2006, the Fund has supported more than 265 grants and internships that advance STEM education in Maui County.

191 teachers trained in the newly launched Elementary Edition of MEDB’s original Island Energy Inquiry™ clean energy curriculum, which emphasizes inquiry-based and engineering design methodology.

340 conferees from Hawaii, the mainland and Japan at the 2016 Maui Energy Conference. Plenary sessions featuring renowned energy expertise, an array of exhibitors, and numerous networking opportunities focused on how to achieve aggressive renewable energy mandates in Hawaii and beyond.

1430 surveys collected at the 2016 Maui Fair in which we pulsed the community on their priorities for health care in Maui, a key component of our community’s economic infrastructure. Participants emphasized access to quality health care and affordability as major concerns.

880 student and teacher participants from across the state in MEDB’s 2016 Hawaii STEM Conference which featured training by local and national industry professionals, STEM competitions, and networking.

OUR VISION: Lives fulfilled in a vibrant community
OUR MISSION: We lead and inspire innovation in business, education and our community