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Question: Regarding Objective 1 on providing training and support for SBDCs accreditation, could you specify whether this refers to an existing specific accreditation, or is it expected that the program's implementers define and award the accreditation?
If it's the latter, are there any specific criteria or requirements that this accreditation must meet?
Response: Each country determines their accreditation standards. Proposals could follow a model of helping local governments develop context specific accreditation standards, help provide guiding principles for local governments, and reporting best practices that could be used to help local governments apply accreditation standards that make sense for their distinct country's contexts. US SBDC accreditation standards as determined by the America's Small Business Development Centers (ASBDC) can be used as a reference for potential standards at americassbdc.org.