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About

Licensed professional chemical engineer with over 23 years of experience solving problems, adding value and achieving results. Last five (5) years dedicated to Economic Development, Infrastructure and Disaster Recovery/Reconstruction. Prior experience includes manufacturing, life sciences, energy and water, technology, engineering and project management.

Experience

January 2021 – Present

Executive Director, Central Office for Recovery, Reconstruction and Resiliency (COR3) of Puerto Rico; Governor's Authorized Representative (GAR)

The Central Office for Recovery, Reconstruction and Resiliency (COR3) is responsible for coordinating the recovery efforts across the Government agencies, applicants and sub-recipients; COR3 identifies, procures and administers state, federal and/or private resources for recovery, advises the Governor, and provides technical assistance to other entities across the Government related to recovery efforts.

Policy Goals: Project execution with sense of Urgency, Agile, Transparent and in Full Compliance with applicable Federal, State and Local requirements.

Active Disasters: Hurricane María (2017), Earthquakes (2020), COVID19 (2020)

Budget Responsibility:

Total: \$ 228,548,107 (Fiscal Year 2020-2021), of which 99.5% are Federal Funds.

Staff Responsibility: >160 employees (Fiscal Year 2020-2021)

COR3's Programs

- FEMA Public Assistance 406 & 428
 - Project Formulation
 - Grants Management
 - Grants Close-Out
 - Compliance
- FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant 404
 - Project Formulation

- Grants Management
- Grants Close-Out
- Compliance
- Private Property Debris Removal
- State Revolving Fund
- State Cost Share Fund
- CDBG-DR/MIT Flexible and Global Cost Share
- Community Disaster Loans

January 2017 – December 2020

Secretary, Department of Economic Development and Commerce of Puerto Rico
 Executive Director, Puerto Rico Industrial Development Company

The Department of Economic Development and Commerce (DEDC) includes a consortium of agencies critical to incentivize and support the economic revitalization and transformation of Puerto Rico's economy.

Budget Responsibility:

Total: \$472,635,000 (Fiscal Year 2020-2021), of which \$112,522,000 are for Cash Grants (Economic Incentives Fund), and \$131,412,000 are Federal Funds.

Staff Responsibility: 1,010 employees (Fiscal Year 2020-2021)

DEDC's Offices and Programs

- Permits Management Office
- Business Tax and Economic Incentives Office
- Business Development Division
- Energy Public Policy Office
- Film Industry Program
- Workforce Development Program
- Youth Development Program
- EB-5 Program

DEDC's Ascribed Entities

- Puerto Rico Industrial Development Company (Real Estate)
- Planning Board
- Local Redevelopment Authority for Roosevelt Roads

Entities in process of consolidation at DEDC

- Puerto Rico Tourism Company (to become an Office of DEDC)
- Puerto Rico Trade and Export Company (to become a Program of DEDC)

Chairman of the Board for:

1. Puerto Rico Tourism Company
2. Puerto Rico Hotel Development Corporation

3. Puerto Rico Trade and Export Company
4. Puerto Rico Industrial Development Company
5. Puerto Rico Land Bank Administration
6. Puerto Rico Convention Center District Authority
7. Puerto Rico Science, Technology and Research Trust
8. Local Redevelopment Authority for Roosevelt Roads
9. Ponce Port Authority (Co-Chairman)
10. Ponce Authority (Las Americas Port Authority)
11. Invest Puerto Rico
12. Puerto Rico Sports Commission
13. Green Energy Fund Evaluation Committee
14. Puerto Rico Green Energy Trust
15. Economic Development Committee
16. Sharing Economy Development Committee
17. Marketing, Promotion, Strategy and Logistics of Cargo Transfers and International Passengers in Puerto Rico Committee
18. Elimination of the Electronic Export Information (EEI) Requirement for Puerto Rico Committee

Member of the Board for:

1. Economic Development Bank of Puerto Rico
2. Puerto Rico Ports Authority
3. Puerto Rico Land Authority (Agriculture)
4. Agricultural Development Integral Fund (FIDA)
5. Cooperatives Investment and Development Fund (FideCoop)
6. Cooperatives Development Commission
7. Discover Puerto Rico
8. Medical Cannabis Regulation Board
9. Workforce Development State Board
10. Special Board for Unfair Trade Practices
11. Puerto Rico Statistics Institute
12. Puerto Rico Aerospace and Aeronautics Institute
13. Agricultural Credit and Commercial Development Corporation
14. Public Broadcasting Corporation
15. Governor's Infrastructure Council
16. Governor's Fiscal and Economic Council
17. Governor's Social Impact Council
18. Governor's Veteran Support Council
19. Strategic Projects Committee (Act 19-2017)
20. Industrial Hemp Committee
21. Climate Change Mitigation Committee
22. Real Property Evaluation and Disposition Committee
23. Opportunity Zones Committee

24. San Juan Cruise Terminal P3 Committee
25. State Economic Development Executives Network (SEDE)

Abarca Health LLC, San Juan, May 2016 – December 2016
Senior Project Manager

Bristol-Myers Squibb, Humacao, January 2015 – May 2016
Senior Project Manager

CareFusion, El Paso, Texas, February 2014 – January 2015
Senior Project Manager

Exertus Group, Inc., Gurabo, February 2013 – December 2016
General & Project Manager

Offshore Infrastructure Associates, San Juan, August 2006 – December 2016
Co-Founder and Member Board of Directors

Department of Economic Development and Commerce of PR, January 2012 – December 2012
Assistant Secretary

Technical Consulting Group, April 2007 – December 2011
Senior Project Manager

Amgen, Juncos, 2006 – 2007
Process Utilities Engineer

Bristol-Myers Squibb, Humacao, 2005-2006
Project Safety Engineer

Ethicon, San Lorenzo, 2003-2004
Senior Facilities Engineer

Firmenich, New Jersey and Patillas, 1997-2003
Plant Engineer (2000-2003)
Process Chemical Engineer (1997-2000)

Education

University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez Campus, 1991 – 1996
BS, Chemical Engineering

Licensed Professional Engineer (PE-16535)
Member of Puerto Rico College of Engineers and Surveyors

Universidad Ana G. Méndez, Gurabo Campus, 2007-2009
Master, Business Administration and Project Management

Argosy University, 2010-2013

Completed eight (8) courses as part of the Doctorate Program for International Business

1. Leading Innovation and Change
2. Solutions Leadership
3. Advanced Academic Study & Writing
4. Corporate Social Responsibility
5. International Accounting and Taxation
6. Global and Multinational Marketing
7. Introduction to Research Methods
8. Global Challenges

Personal Interests: Acoustic guitar, karaoke, domino, beach, NFL/MLB/NBA, mountain biking, travel, read about political history, economic development and infrastructure.

References

Stefan Pryor

Secretary of Commerce, State of Rhode Island

Jon Borschow

Chairman, The Foundation for Puerto Rico

Jason Borschow

President and CEO, Abarca Health

Brad Dean

CEO, Discover Puerto Rico

Rodrick Miller

CEO, Invest Puerto Rico

Pat Foley

CEO, Lufthansa Technik Puerto Rico

Rainer Lehmann

Member of the Executive Board and CFO, Sartorius Stedim Biotech

Félix Negrón

VP Global Operations Quality, Medtronic

Lucy Crespo

CEO, Puerto Rico Science, Technology and Research Trust

Edward Calvesbert

Strategic Partnerships and M&A, IBM