

GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO CENTRAL OFFICE FOR RECOVERY, RECONSTRUCTION AND RESILIENCY

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Eng. Manuel A. J. Laboy Rivera, PE, MBA, is the executive director of the Central Office for Recovery, Reconstruction and Resiliency (COR3). COR3's main responsibility is to ensure the execution of the island's reconstruction and recovery projects in an efficient, effective, and transparent manner, while serving as Recipient of federal funds through FEMA Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation programs. Accordingly, the executive director of COR3 also serves as the Governor's Authorized Representative (GAR) before FEMA.

Laboy Rivera has 25 years of work experience in industries and sectors including manufacturing, chemical production, Life Science, construction, utilities, service export, renewable energy, infrastructure, technology, and project management. He holds a bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez Campus; and a Master's in Business Administration from the University of Turabo in Puerto Rico. He is a member of the Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors Association of Puerto Rico (CIAPR, for its Spanish acronym).

Prior to taking over as executive director of COR3, Laboy Rivera served as secretary of the Department of Economic Development and Commerce (DDEC, for its Spanish acronym) and executive director of the Puerto Rico Industrial Development Company (PRIDCO) from 2017 to 2020. Among his achievements are the improvement of the business environment in Puerto Rico, attracting new investment, creating jobs, and strengthening the development of small and medium-sized enterprises; and the creation and implementation of an Economic Development Plan for Puerto Rico that includes technological innovation and reforms to promote competitiveness and improve infrastructure.

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