



**COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO**  
**Office of the Chief Information Officer of Puerto Rico**

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**GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO COMMENTS TO BROADBAND TECHNOLOGY  
OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM (BTOP) APPLICATIONS FOR SECOND ROUND**

Dear Mr. Martinez,

On behalf of the Government of Puerto Rico (GPR) and our Governor, Honorable Luis G. Fortuño, we appreciate the opportunity provided to comment on the Broadband Technology Opportunity Program (BTOP) Second Round Applications submitted within our jurisdiction. In response to your letter requesting the input of the GPR, we submit our comments to the potential allocation of grant funds to projects affecting Puerto Rico.

Submitted applications for this second round were evaluated by a committee that followed a strict level of confidentiality. The process followed to evaluate applications consisted on the following:

- Evaluation of executive summaries
- Request and evaluation of complete application packages as submitted
- Meetings with proponents to clarify doubts and/or provide additional information, if necessary
- Application review, comments and prioritization

Applications were grouped in three major categories: Priority A, Priority B and Priority C. Priority A projects are those that consist of proven technologies, viable, sustainable and replicable models targeting underserved or unserved areas, including community anchor institutions, that are in closer alignment with the GPR's public policy as well as with BTOP goals.

Priority B projects are those that consist of models targeting unserved or underserved areas, including community anchor institutions, but are in less alignment with the GPR's public policy as compared to Priority A projects and with BTOP goals. Priority A and B projects are recommended for award by Puerto Rico.

Priority C projects are those that are not aligned with the GPR's public policy and thus are not recommended for award.

Following is the list of prioritization for the applications reviewed in particular order (data extracted from <http://www.broadbandusa.gov> as of April 25, 2010).

**Priority A**

Applicant	Application ID	Project Title	Program	Project Type	Grant Request
PREPA NETWORKS CORP	6074	PREPA Networks Corp.'s Broadband Initiative	BTOP	Comprehensive Community Infrastructure	\$16,535,904
SISTEMA UNIVERSITARIO ANA G. MENDEZ, INC.	7403	SUAGM-UNE and INTENE Broadband Innovative Network Development (I-BIND)	BTOP	Comprehensive Community Infrastructure	\$22,586,105
MUNICIPIO DE PONCE	7622	iMAP - Internet Municipio Autonomo de Ponce	BTOP	Comprehensive Community Infrastructure	\$1,758,000
INICIATIVA TECNOLOGICA CENTRO ORIENTAL (INTECO)	6469	Upgrade/Expand Innovation Tech. Centers Network and Provide Mobile BB in the Central East Region PR	BTOP	Public Computer Center	\$1,921,264
HLB MORALES PADILLO & CO.- PSC.	6635	SALINAS BROADBAND INITIATIVE - PUBLIC COMPUTER CENTERS (SABI-PCC)	BTOP	Public Computer Center	\$1,190,752
GOBIERNO MUNICIPAL DE CAYEY	6747	Centro Tecnologico Comunitario Municipio de Cayey	BTOP	Public Computer Center	\$160,000
ADMINISTRACION DE VIVIENDA PUBLICA	6765	Puerto Rico Public Housing Computers Centers	BTOP	Public Computer Center	\$6,991,612
Villalba Municipality	7810	Villalba's Public Computer Centers	BTOP	Public Computer Center	\$2,017,613

Applicant	Application ID	Project Title	Program	Project Type	Grant Request
SISTEMA UNIVERSITARIO ANA G. MENDEZ, INC.	6064	Universidad del Turabo Sustainable Adoption Broadband Empowerment Resource Center (SABER)	BTOP	Sustainable Broadband Adoption	\$2,941,601
INICIATIVA TECNOLÓGICA CENTRO ORIENTAL (INTECO)	6470	Leadership and Economic Advancement Program (LEAP) for the Central East Region of Puerto Rico	BTOP	Sustainable Broadband Adoption	\$1,480,116
MYWAY VILLAGE, INC.	6690	Connected Living Coalition of Puerto Rico	BTOP	Sustainable Broadband Adoption	\$9,951,504

**Priority B**

Applicant	Application ID	Project Title	Program	Project Type	Grant Request
W & W COMMUNICATIONS INC.	6915	Puerto Rico - Florida Rural Network Expansion for Undeserved Communities	BTOP	Comprehensive Community Infrastructure	\$4,052,349
PUBLIC SAFETY AND EDUCATION NETWORK	7301	WiMax - Emergency Management and Education Networks	BTOP	Comprehensive Community Infrastructure	\$5,456,036
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES NETWORK CORP	7376	Toa Baja Broadband Project	BTOP	Comprehensive Community Infrastructure	\$3,865,253
MUNICIPIO DE VILLALBA	6688	Villalba Broadband Initiative	BTOP	Comprehensive Community Infrastructure	\$2,804,250
W & W COMMUNICATIONS INC.	6914	Technological Centers Initiative for Puerto Rico	BTOP	Public Computer Center	\$7,200,000

No projects were identified as Priority C.

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We appreciate the opportunity for allowing us to provide our feedback on this important initiative. If any questions arise, please feel free to contact me at (787) 721-7000.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Juan E. Rodriguez de Hostos". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "R".

Juan E. Rodriguez de Hostos  
Chief Information Officer