

**COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO  
LA FORTALEZA  
SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO**

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**EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR  
OF PUERTO RICO**

**TO CREATE THE PUERTO RICO WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND HUMAN RESOURCES IN SUPPORT OF THE SYSTEM OF INTEGRATED INFORMATION, EDUCATION, TRAINING, EMPLOYMENT AND REEMPLOYMENT SERVICES.**

**WHEREAS:** The United States Department of Labor has received from the President of the United States the mandate of increasing coordination and consolidation of workforce development programs and services, through the creation of One Stop Career Center Systems to include all education, training, employment and reemployment programs at the state level, thus maximizing the use of available resources in a cost effective and efficient manner.

**WHEREAS:** This integrating effort has as its vision that of providing the client with access to a system that is agile, effective and of increased quality, permitting multiple ways of access to a range of information and services regarding the labor exchange (Job Bank-Talent Bank), catalogue of educational programs and up-to-date labor market statistics.

**WHEREAS:** This automated system of interagency access coupled with a well cross-trained staff will ensure "full service" to the client at any time and location and will allow for the management of interagency cases that will ensure the client follow-up in the processes of education, training, employment and reemployment.

**WHEREAS:** The Department of Labor and Human Resources of Puerto Rico has received directives from the U.S. Department of Labor, and will receive the assignment of federal funds to invest in interagency planning and coordination, fundamental to the implantation of said system.

- WHEREAS:** An essential requisite for the success of this system is the creation at the state level of a Workforce Development Board, to be appointed by the Governor of Puerto Rico, which will support and assure the coordination, collaboration and resources that will accomplish the aforementioned goals.
- THEREFORE:** I, PEDRO ROSSELLO, Governor of Puerto Rico, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, hereby order as follows:
- FIRST:** The Workforce Development Board, which is to report to the Governor of Puerto Rico, is hereby created, and is to be composed of the following agencies and sectors of the community:
1. Department of Labor and Human Resources
  2. Department of Education
  3. University of Puerto Rico
  4. Department of the Family
  5. Department of Commerce and Economic Development
  6. Industrial Sector
  7. Labor Sector
- SECOND:** The Board is to be presided over by the Secretary of Labor and Human Resources, who will ensure interagency/program coordination, the successful implementation of the system of integrated information services for the labor market and the permanency of the system through the commitment of resources.
- THIRD:** Consistent with these efforts, the Workforce Development Board will ensure that all participating programs prepare a coordinated annual plan of those services and information to be offered under the One Stop Caress Center System, which will be submitted to the Governor of Puerto Rico for final approval.

- FOURTH:** The Workforce Development Board will perform its functions pursuant to the applicable Federal and Commonwealth of Puerto Rico laws and regulations.
- FIFTH:** The Workforce Development Board will operate through a series of interagency committees, thus ensuring full participation of its stakeholders. One of these committees will be the already existing School-to-Work Council.
- SIXTH:** The Workforce Development Board will be governed by its own internal regulations, and to the extent that it is applicable to its functionaries, Law No. 12 of July 24, 1985, as amended, known as the "Government Ethics Law of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico", and any regulation promulgated thereto.
- SEVENTH:** This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon its promulgation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I sign the present and affix thereto the Great Seal of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, in the City of San Juan, on this 19 day of June, 1998.



*Pedro Rosello*  
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**GOVERNOR**

Promulgated according to the law, today 22th day of June, 1998.

*Norma Burgos*  
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**Secretary of State**