

# PUERTO RICO SE LEVANTA H.A.R.T. PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP (P3)

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**Non-Profit United Voices for Puerto Rico Coalition Lead Case Manager Yvette Soto**, La Casa Dominicana NJ President Luis Rodriguez, BMC Executive Producer Beatrice Caraballo, Career Opportunity Development, Inc. (CODI) President Linda Carney, The Society Page en Espanol The official Latin Style Magazine President CEO Jorge Restrepo, U.S. HART-P3 Director Jimmy Whitehead, New Vistas President Michael Cohan, and LandMatters Disaster Recovery Project Director Lou Strugala met to establish the U.S.-Puerto Rico Se Levanta (Puerto Rico Rise) headquarters and logistical staging area located at CODI in Egg Harbor City, New Jersey.

The Coalition discussed plans for the U.S. Federal Government's \$7.2B Seaport E funding; which will be used to expedite urgently needed humanitarian aid including food, water, medicine, healthcare, electric, telecommunications, infrastructure restoration, and community redevelopment. Mr. Whitehead advised the coalition that President Trump's initiative will assist individuals and families throughout all 78 Puerto Rico municipalities.

U.S. Hurricane Rapid Recovery Program Chairman Ted Moats stated, "We are very proud to support President Donald Trump in expediting critical funds and services to assist with humanitarian aid to Puerto Rico."

Houston, Texas recovery expert Counselor Greg Travis, who brings unique recovery compliance oversight experience, stated, "President Donald Trump has the right idea about engaging the public and private sector to expedite Puerto Rico's recovery, and our team is steadfast behind his distinguished leadership."

Mr. Whitehead introduced Disaster Recovery Project Director Lou Strugala. Mr. Strugala has extensive construction background and experience with rehab/rebuild after Hurricane Sandy where he was responsible for coordinating redevelopment throughout 30 NJ municipalities. Mr. Strugala informed the coalition that “We know what to do and more importantly what not to do to avoid huge redundant mistakes, fraudulent contractor services, and rebuild communities.”

