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Puerto Rico Public Private Partnerships Authority Issues a Projects List and Launches New Website

The Puerto Rico Public Private Partnerships Authority released this week a list of 30 projects that various government entities have initially submitted as potential projects to become public private partnerships. Even though the projects included in the list have not been subject to a formal evaluation process by the Authority yet, some of them have been previously mentioned as priorities by government officials, especially several infrastructure projects such as highway expansions and bus rapid transit projects. The link for the project list is: http://app.gobierno.pr/Eng/Project/Projects.html It is expected that the Authority will publish a weekly updated project list in its website.

The Authority will be accepting proposals for potential projects from government entities until September 8. 2009. After this date the Authority will analyze the submitted projects in order to conform an official inventory of projects with potential to become public private partnerships.

Among the projects that have been initially submitted for evaluation by the government entities are: the expansion of highway 66 in Puerto Rico's northeast region, the expansion of highway 22 in the northwest, the expansion of highway 53 in the southeast, bus rapid transit projects in the San Juan metropolitan area, and four waste-to-energy projects, among others.

The launch of the Authority's official website: www.p3.gov.pr was also announced this week. It is designed to offer information that is up to date about the public private partnerships program and available opportunities. The website will also serve as the Authority's main dissemination tool regarding feasibility studies, requests for qualifications (RFQ), requests for proposals (RFP), and final contract decisions.

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