

Puerto Rico Industry and Multisector Roundtable

Morning event

Deputy director's remarks as prepared for delivery

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WELCOME

- Hello everyone, and “buenos días.” It’s a pleasure to be here today with you all as we get ready to soft launch the very first Puerto Rico Federal Statistical Research Data Center (PR FSRDC) this afternoon. This center will provide local researchers secure access to federal data for advanced statistical research and analysis.
- This is a project in which our colleagues at the U.S. Census Bureau have been working on for many years. As you’ll hear from Nick Orsini in a few minutes, advancing data in Puerto Rico has been and is a top priority for the Census Bureau, and we are proud of today’s ribbon cutting ceremony.
- Access to FSRDC data will enhance the statistical capacity right here on the island. The data will enable local officials, industry leaders, and third sector to make more informed, timely data-driven decisions. It will also allow local academics, such as yourselves, to address previously unanswerable research questions.
- The research conducted in these centers is vital to boosting our understanding of the population and economy of the United States and its territories. And the purpose of these centers is to provide qualified researchers on approved projects a secure space to analyze restricted data collected by the Census Bureau and other partner federal agencies.
- FSRDCs all over the United States partner with more than 50 research organizations including universities, nonprofit research institutions, and government agencies.
- The location here in Puerto Rico is the first to open in a U.S. territory. It joins 33 other FSRDCs in the continental United States.
- I speak on behalf of myself and our director, Robert Santos, when I say that at we are looking forward to our continued work here in beautiful Puerto Rico.
- Thank you.