



**White House Tasks Force on Puerto Rico
End of Administration Report**

Agency/Department	U.S. Department of Defense
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1. SUMMARY

Insert an executive summary and background information of your Agency’s efforts in fulfilling the recommendations in White House Task Force 2011 Report as well as any other significant accomplishments that have been achieved since 2009.

Redevelopment of Naval Station Roosevelt Roads - Since 2004, the Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) has provided the Local Redevelopment Authority of Roosevelt Roads (LRA-RR) technical and financial assistance in support of the base redevelopment efforts at the former Naval Station Roosevelt Roads. This support has resulted in the establishment and continued operation of a local redevelopment authority, the completion of a comprehensive base redevelopment plan and assessments of the facilities and infrastructure on the former base. In March 2016, OEA participated in a Federal team visit, led by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), at the former base to discuss with the LRA-RR concerns regarding major infrastructure requirements in support of base redevelopment efforts.

Other Significant DoD Activities Occurring:

Real Property Exchange – The LRA-RR is currently engaged with the U.S. Department of the Army to execute a real property exchange on the former base that will support the LRA-RR’s efforts to restore the dry dock area so that it may be reused for its original purpose through a long term ground lease agreement with a third party that is expected to create approximately 400 direct jobs and 1,200 indirect jobs over the next three years. As of date, the Army and LRA-RR have executed a Summary of Conditions and Terms Sheet. A NEPA is scheduled to be completed by December 2016. The Exchange Agreement has been drafted and agreed in principle between both the Army and the LRA-RR and ready for execution upon completion of the NEPA and Congressional notification.

Environmental Remediation – The U.S. Department of the Navy is working jointly with the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico’s Environmental Quality Board, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and the LRA-RR in the remediation and transfer of SWMU 3 and SWMU 70, which is expected to occur in the Fall of 2017. The Navy continues to complete environmental remediation on nearly 800 acres of remaining property at the former Naval Station Roosevelt Roads and have transferred over 8,600 acres using various conveyance methods to include approximately 3,013 acres to the LRA-RR through an Economic Development Conveyance.

Cano Martin Pena Environmental Dredging Project – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Jacksonville District is currently in the preconstruction engineering and design phase for the Cano Martin Pena environmental dredging project. The USACE Jacksonville District is also conducting a feasibility study on the deepening of San Juan Harbor. The USACE Jacksonville District awarded the San Juan Harbor O&M contract on September 8, 2016 to Cashman Dredging in the amount of \$6,012,393. The contract will dredge shoaled areas throughout the existing Federally Authorized Channel to include Entrance Channel, San Antonio Channel & Cruise Ship Basins, Army Channel & Turning Basin, Puerto Nuevo Channel & Turning Basin, Graving Dock Channel and Anchorage Area E. Notice to Proceed is scheduled for October 7, 2016 and Dredging commencement is scheduled for November 1, 2016. Expected construction duration is 4 months.

2. TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS

This section identifies the specific recommendations tasked to your Agency in the Task Force Report. Fill in the table below with the current status of the recommendation, the outcomes of the deliverables, issues, or actions from the recommendation that remain to be completed. Where appropriate, provide recommendations as to how these may be dealt with.

Recommendation	Status	Outcome	Outstanding Issues
Establish a Federal team to coordinate Federal support (both technical and financial) for LRA’s specific infrastructure requirements.	OEA has collaborated with Federal partners in understanding the various programs that could ultimately assist the LRA-RR in addressing the infrastructure challenges at the former base.	The LRA-RR was recently designated as a Promise Zone by the USDA and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and a Historically Underutilized Business Zone by the Small Business Administration (SBA).	There still remains significant infrastructure improvement requirements at the former base. Challenges in the LRA-RR acquiring financing from the private sector and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico to support infrastructure improvements.

3. ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

Activity	Status	Outcome	Outstanding Issues
None			

4. ACCOMPLISHMENTS

This section captures any significant accomplishments not listed in the previous sections. Describe the nature of the accomplishment, date of completion and any outcomes.

No additional accomplishments to date.

5. GRANTS AND INVESTMENTS

This section captures any grants or non-appropriations type of investments distributed by your Agency to Puerto Rico since 2009. Insert the type of grant/investment, the amount awarded and the date.

Grant/Investment	Description	Amount	Date(s) Awarded
Multiple grants in support of base redevelopment efforts to the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and to the LRA-RR.	Financial assistance in support of a local economic adjustment program in response to adverse impacts of Defense actions.	\$8,382,809	8/4/2009 7/2/2010 9/1/2011 9/7/2012 8/27/2013 9/16/2014 9/23/2015 8/19/2016

6. STAKEHOLDERS/CONTACTS

Provide a list of the key stakeholders and contact in Puerto Rico that you have worked with and the organizations to which they belong, and the capacity in which you worked with them.

Ms. Malu Blazquez – Executive Director, LRA-RR. Ms. Blazquez has served as the primary point of contact to OEA on base redevelopment efforts.

Mr. Ivan Negron Ramos – Finance Director, LRA-RR. MR. Ramos serves as the day-to-day contact to OEA on grant administration.

7. FUTURE ACTIVITIES AND GOALS

Describe future activities your Agency has planned in Puerto Rico. Provide short-term and long-term goals for your Agency’s work in Puerto Rico.

OEA plans to transition the LRA-RR from federal financial support on September 30, 2017 so it can be a self-sustaining organization.