



Newsletter

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Puerto Rico Telephone & PRTEC Announce Strategic Alliance

Puerto Rico Telephone (PRT) and Puerto Rico Technoeconomic Corridor (PRTEC) announced a strategic alliance to propitiate the economic development of Puerto Rico, emphasizing the commercialization of innovative technologies.

Ileana Molina, vice-president of corporate communications of PRT, expressed that PRT recognized the growth potential of the western region and for that reason they made a strategic alliance with PRTEC, where PRT will be the primary strategic partner for telecommunications and sponsor for their training development center.

PRT will also offer bandwidth support to the projects of Guanajibo Research & Innovation Park and VITEC2.

With this alliance, PRT also will be a link with the University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez Campus to foster opportunities for research & development between PRT and professors of the University.

Mr. Nelson Perea, executive director of PRTEC indicated that with this strategic relationship PRT joins the group of PRTEC strategic partners and enables the organization to continue the positioning of the western region with innovative projects and offer better job opportunities.

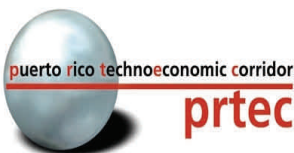


From left to right: Jerry Garcia (PRT), Ileana Molina, vp of corporate communications (PRT) and Nelson Perea; executive director of PRTEC.

"PRT will be the PRTEC's primary strategic partner for communications"

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Inside VITEC²

New tenants

VITEC² welcomes new tenants:

- **Pronto Analytics** - a company dedicated to data mining services, applied statistics and operations research, started in May.
- **Entevia** - a company dedicated to web design and development, integration of web content, database design and consulting, started at June.
- **Isla Net**-virtual tenant offering services of their wireless internet product **VOLARE**.

FOAMSHIP Entrepreneurship Course

- On Aug. 21, 2006 the second edition of Foamship Entrepreneurship Course started at VITEC². Consultant David Bermudez gave a presentation to tenants about the course and Maricarmen Vega from Comercio & Exportación explained the requirements of the program "La Llave para Tu Negocio" and its relationship with Foamship Entrepreneurship Course. The course will continue during this month.



Technology Centers at Special Communities

On August 11, 2006 at the San German Convention Center, PRTEC participated in the closing activity of the project **"Cerrando La Brecha Digital"**. In this summer project, 261 students from different Special Communities took courses in Microsoft programs and computer assembly. Mr. Nelson Perea gave a short presentation about PRTEC initiatives and emphasized the commitment of the organization with the community, and support to their future projects. Other sponsors for the activity were Interamerican University, Universidad del Este (Cabo Rojo) and Microsoft.

PRTEC is working with "Special Communities" on developing a program for some of the Technology Centers in the Western Region. That alliance will be announced soon.



Mr. Nelson, executive director of PRTEC talking about PRTEC initiatives.



Participant students from the summer program of "Cerrando la Brecha Digital."

Also, the company AtlasBits, a tenant at VITEC2, offered an internship program for talented students; supporting Internet Clubs of Puerto Rico and the office of "Special Communities". Melissa Gómez, an 8th grade student from a school at the Special Community of Sabana Eneas in San German, was chosen for the program and created a webpage for the community (www.comunidadsabanaeneas.org) and was recognized for her excellent job.

Next Activities Calendar

- ⇒ **Foamship Entrepreneurship Course** continues September 11, 18, 25
- ⇒ **Brown Bag Lunch** at VITEC2-Lcdo. Agustín Fortuño; September 29
- ⇒ A presentation by an Australian Technology Entrepreneur, **Roger La Salle** at UPRM. October 5;
Private meeting with VITEC2 tenants- October 6
- ⇒ A presentation by the **Center of the New Economy** of its book with the Brookins Institute about PR Economy-date will be announced
- ⇒ A presentation to the Western Region mayors and legislators about **"The Importance of Industry in our Economy"**; organized by the PRMA and PRTEC- October



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PRTEC collaborates with UPRM Internship Programs



Ms. Aurelis Cruz, UPRM student doing a Human Resources Internship at PRTEC.

This summer we had the opportunity to have an internship student from the UPRM Business School at PRTEC. Ms. Aurelis Cruz did an excellent job in an assignment in Human Resources, where she evaluated actual HR activities in the organization and created an improved HR system. She also designed a questionnaire for VITEC2 tenants in order to gather information for the quality of the services

offered, satisfaction and improvement areas. PRTEC has been actively collaborating with the UPRM Internship programs; and other VITEC2 tenants as Caribbean Thermal Technologies and Florida Turbine offered internship programs for UPRM students last summer.

Clusters in Action

- **MD Cluster** participated in a roundtable with "Industriales Magazine". This was the first of a series of articles with the different industrial clusters in the island to emphasize the role of the private sector in the new knowledge economy. At the meeting participated Norma Mejía, president of the cluster; Tito García, from Stryker; Enrique Mirandés of PRIDCO; Miguel Centeno from Roche Diagnostics; Luis Torres from T&M International; Iván Lugo from Induniv. Eduardo Báez from LifeScan and Dr. Eduardo Juan from UPRM were excused and sent their comments.
- **Nelson Perea representing MD and C&IT Cluster** participated in a supply chain meeting sponsored by PRMA at the facilities of Merck in Arecibo. There was participation from the other clusters in PR. The objective was to leverage what each cluster is doing in term of supply chain and to collaborate in improving access to local firms in dealing with multinationals in the island.
- **C&IT Cluster** -a strategic meeting took place at Celestica in Aguadilla. Cluster members agreed to invite Marcos Polanco from PRIDCO to present the new PRIDCO vision for the C&IT sector and to invite other OEM's in PR to have better balance in the cluster.

Porta del Sol Forum

PRTEC was one of the organizers of the **Forum-"Porta del Sol: Where are We, Where are We going"**. The forum took place on September 7, 2006 at the new conference center in Aguadilla with over 120 attendees. The forum was divided in four different panels: one composed of representatives from the executives branch and the legislature; the second with representatives of the private sector organizations; the third of various mayors of Porta Del Sol; and the fourth of universities. Nelson Perea, executive director of PRTEC participated in the private sector panel and emphasized PRTEC's contribution in creating a conventions package for Portal del Sol, the Ambassador to Porta del Sol program, among other initiatives that supports the Porta del Sol Initiative.

PR Energy Affairs Office Visits VITEC2

In an effort to provide support to the tenant companies working in energy savings projects, a visit with representatives of the **PR Energy Affairs Office (PREAO)** was scheduled. Olga Alcina, special aid to the Administrator of the PREAO and Julio Leandy, director of Renewable Energy Program presented their programs and funding opportunities to group of tenants attending the session.

As a result of this visit an opportunity came up to work in the viability of submitting a proposal to the PREAO to establish a solar energy project at VITEC2 using some of our tenants capabilities in collaboration with experts of the UPRM.