

## Message from the Director

Puerto Rico faces its most challenging situation in recent years. This new budget exercise was preceded by a year during which we took on, as a team, responsibilities that transcend the customary environment for management and administration of the country. We achieved substantial reduction in the deficit gap through strong fiscal adjustments and measures of austerity.

Today more than ever the country demands that we join wills and the best of our talents to face with optimism the challenges ahead, with the conviction that we have before us the opportunity to transform Puerto Rico. We present a balanced Recommended Budget, a budget that constitutes the platform on which the economic and social recovery of our country will be built. This achievement represents the culmination of an important chapter in the recovery of our country.

I am pleased to highlight the attributes that frame this document: a budget that establishes spending according to anticipated revenues and without deficit financing; a budget directly attuned to the current realities of the country; a budget that supports transforming the government through the reorganization of its agencies, without laying off public employees and without affecting services to our citizens; a budget without new tax measures for achieving an agile and efficient government; a budget that takes into account each citizen's responsibility at this historical juncture in order to move our country forward on the road to recovery which Puerto Rico so urgently needs.

In this process of preparing the Recommended Budget at the Office of Management and Budget, the commitment of many public employees who contributed their talents, abilities, and enthusiasm was outstanding. Our appreciation and gratitude goes out to them. We invite you to become familiar with it through our website: [www.presupuesto.pr.gov](http://www.presupuesto.pr.gov).

Cordially,



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