



U.S. Department  
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Federal Highway  
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## FLEXIBILITIES IN UTILITY ACCOMMODATION AND RELOCATION

Module 1: Introduction of Local EDC Initiatives

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## Puerto Rico Transportation Technology Transfer Center



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## Our Center

- Established in 1986
- Civil Engineering Department, University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez
- Sponsors:
  - Local Technical Assistance Program (LTAP)
  - Department of Transportation and Public Works (DTOP)
  - Virgin Islands Department of Public Works

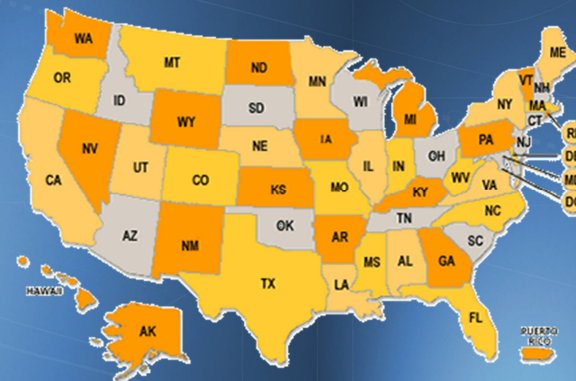


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## Present...

- 58 LTAP Centers in United States including Puerto Rico



### Tribal Centers:

- East Mississippi
- Colorado
- California
- North Valleys
- Alaska
- Northwest
- Oklahoma

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## Objectives

- Provide technical assistance to municipalities and local transportation agencies.
- Provide information in the planning, design, construction, maintenance and operation of transportation facilities.



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## Resources

- Office Space - 1,200 feet <sup>2</sup>
- Personnel
  - Director, Benjamín Colucci
  - Associate Director, Alberto M. Figueroa
  - Training Manager, Gisela González
  - Administrative Coordinators
    - Ms. Grisel Villarrubia
    - Mrs. Irmalí Franco
  - Students

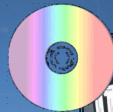


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## Resources

- Technical Support
  - University professors specialized in different areas
  - Private sector instructors
  - Instructors from other centers in United States
- Specialized Equipment
- Audiovisual Equipment
- Computer Software's

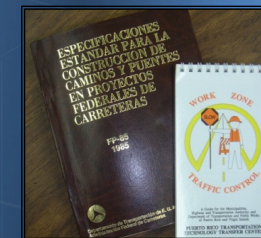
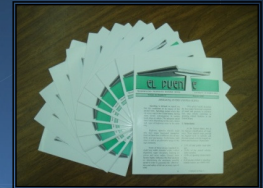


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## Activities

- Bilingual Newsletter - "El Puente"
- Technical Information Services
  - Technical Library/Audiovisual
- Computer Software's
- Web site: <http://www.uprm.edu/prt2>
- Special Projects



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## Lessons Learned

- During the past 25 years, Puerto Rico Transportation Technology Transfer Center has learned the importance of:
  - Instructor & Topic
  - Audience Interest
  - Quality, not quantity
  - Consistency



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