



**La Cámara de Comercio de Puerto Rico**  
y su Comités de Educación y Ambiente, Infraestructura y Permisos presentan:

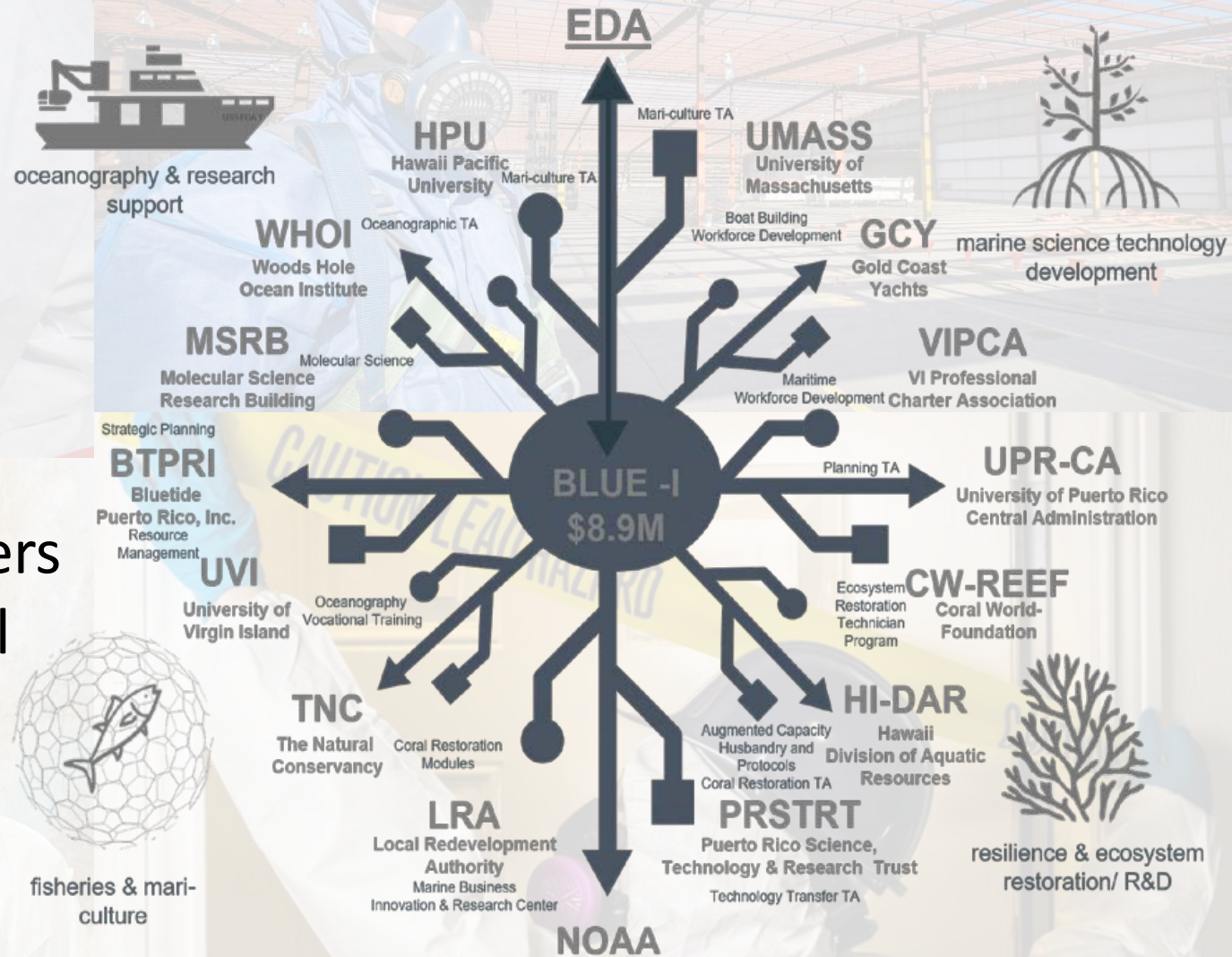
**HEALTHY BUILDINGS TASKFORCE MEETING ON  
DEVELOPING WORKFORCE PROJECTIONS FOR  
ENVIRONMENTAL SKILLED TRADES:  
MOLD-LEAD-ASBESTOS**

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# BLUEtide Puerto Rico, Inc.

- Drives Puerto Rico and USVI to succeed in “blue” industries
- On Oct. 31, the first PR-USVI Ocean Economy Workgroup meeting was held
- Participants included federal partners (EDA, FEMA, DOI, NOAA, EPA), local stakeholders from both PR and the USVI (nonprofits, universities, and local government representatives)





# Fundación Comunitaria Puerto Rico

- 100% renewable energy system to support businesses in Culebra, Puerto Rico.
- Will be years before undersea cable to the island (from public utility, PREPA) is repaired



Funding Provided: \$4,128,000





# Pathstone Corporation

- Collaboration between EPA and EDA in PR
- Training in Solar Installation
- Microgrid training sites
- Other partners include The Solar Foundation and UPRM



Funding Provided: \$3,893,321

Projected Jobs Created: 200

Investment Leveraged:  
\$700,000



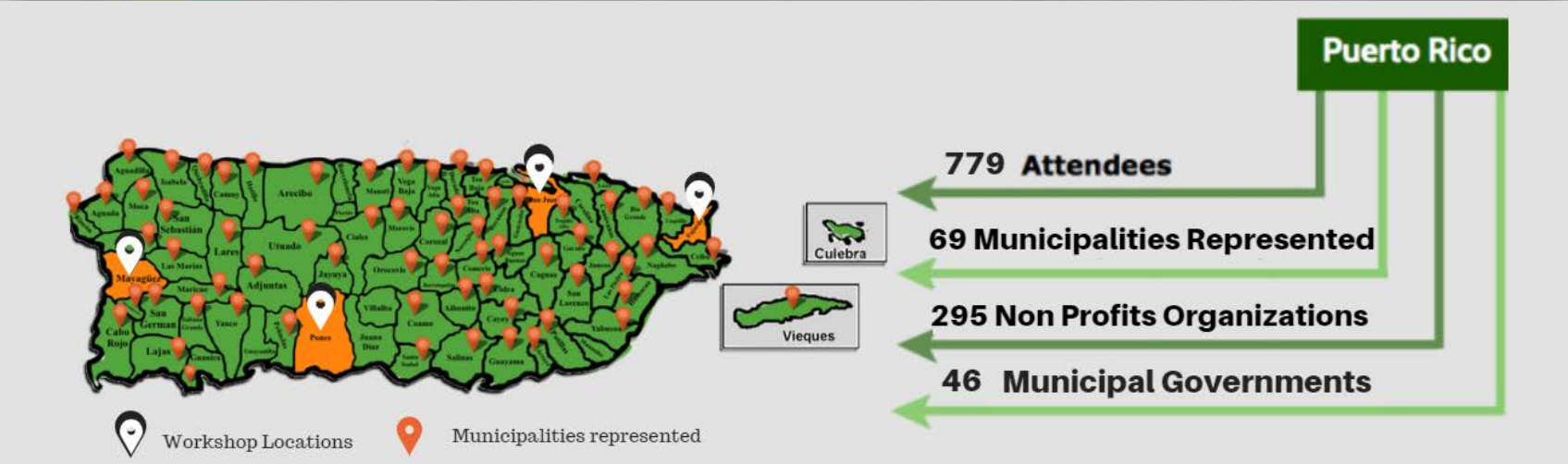


# Hurricane Maria Capacity Building Program

In partnership with Federal and GPR partners, led a series of grant writing workshops to build capacity in advance of Federal funding.

Funding Provided: \$500,000

Investment Leveraged:\$611,110



**501 c3 Federal Exemption**  
Submitted 44 → Approvals 33

**DUNS Number**  
Registered 58

**SAMs Registration**  
Registered 25

**Grants.Gov Registration**  
Registered 16



# ONE-ON-ONE Technical Assistance METRICS

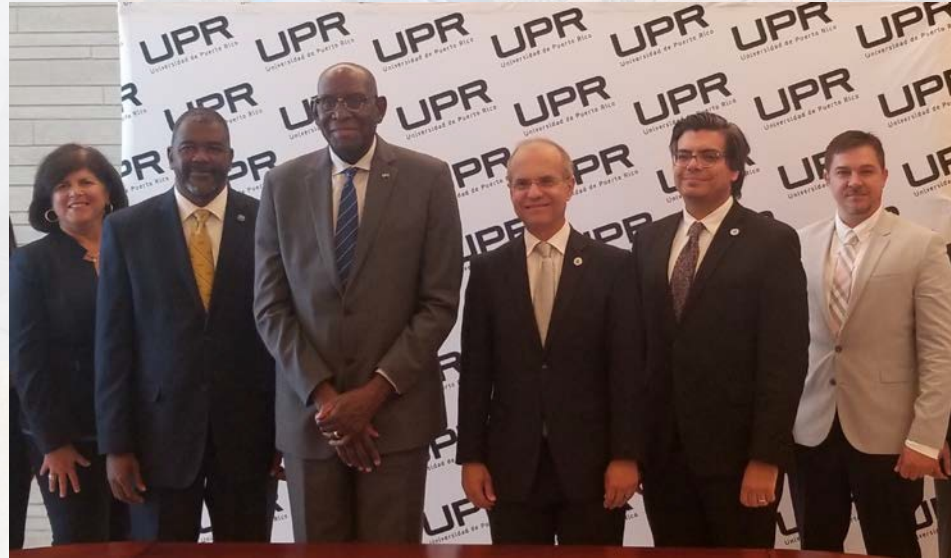
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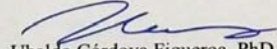
# Advancing a Collaborative Recovery

- Historic MOU between University of Puerto Rico and University of the Virgin Islands
- Ocean Economy
- Bio-Technology
- Resilience Training
- Research Exchange

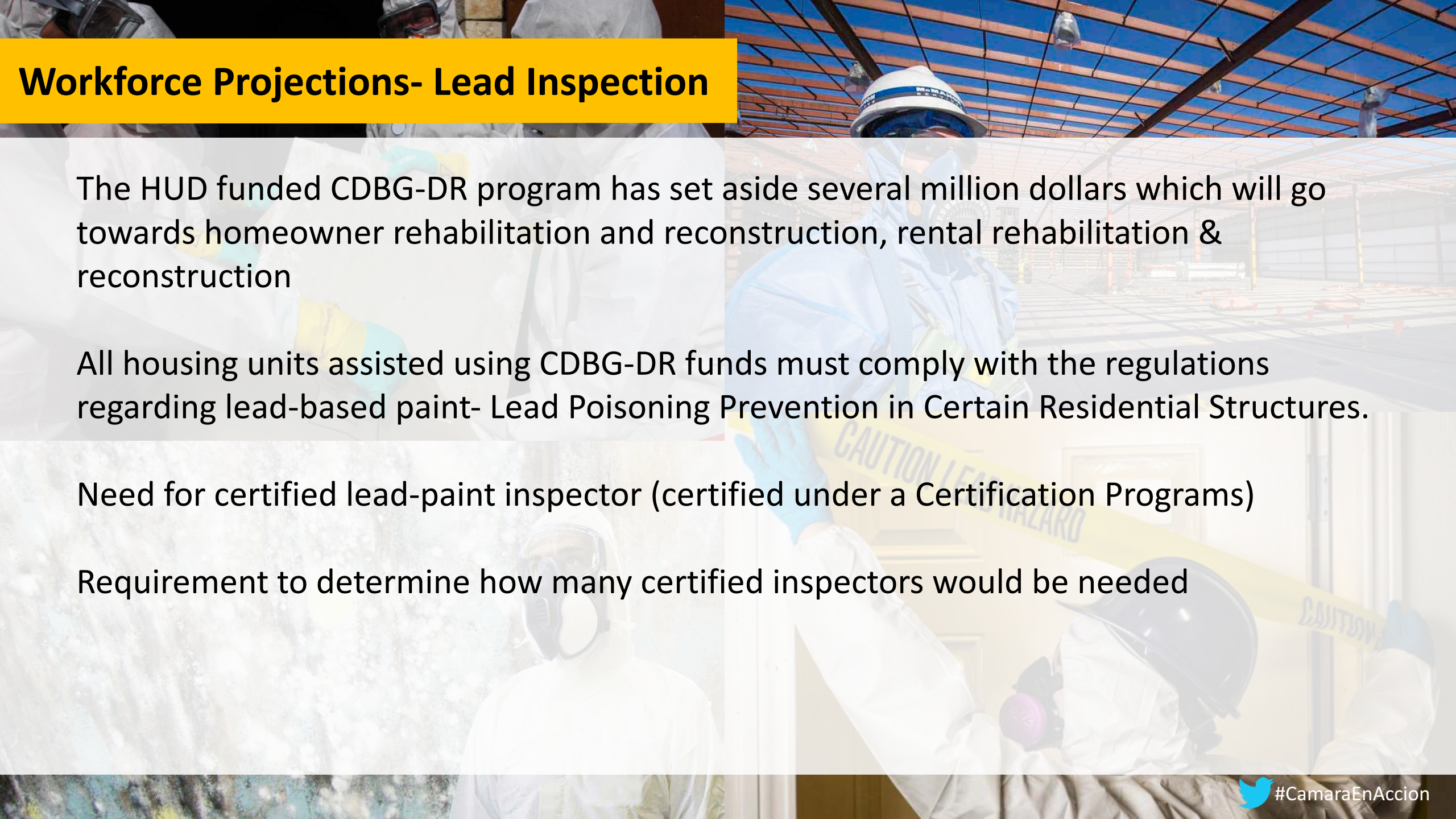


The signing of this MOU is an example and a direct result of the commitment that the Economic Development Administration has with the recovery efforts of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The University of Puerto Rico is grateful for the consistent attention, assistance, and diligence EDA has demonstrated towards the recovery of the islands.

Thank you,

  
Ubaldo Córdova Figueroa, PhD  
Executive Vice President  
University of Puerto Rico





# Workforce Projections- Lead Inspection

- The HUD funded CDBG-DR program has set aside several million dollars which will go towards homeowner rehabilitation and reconstruction, rental rehabilitation & reconstruction
- All housing units assisted using CDBG-DR funds must comply with the regulations regarding lead-based paint- Lead Poisoning Prevention in Certain Residential Structures.
- Need for certified lead-paint inspector (certified under a Certification Programs)
- Requirement to determine how many certified inspectors would be needed



# Workforce Projections- Mold Remediation

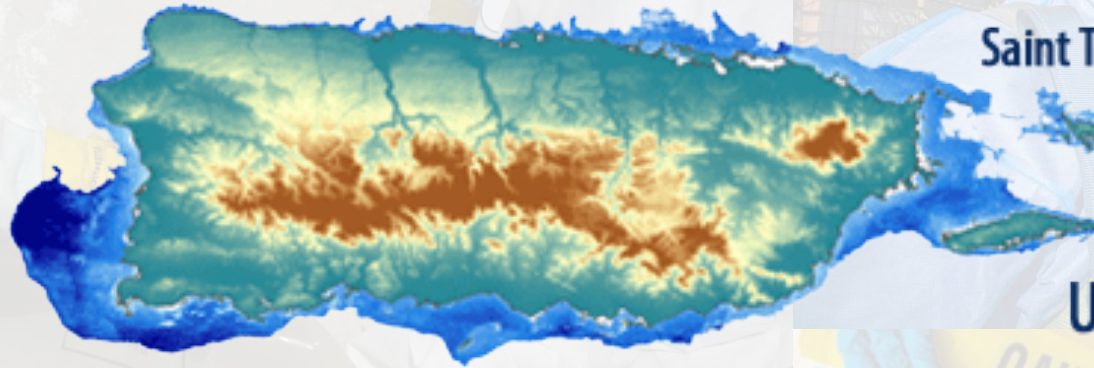
PR and the USVI are located in a tropical climate, that make buildings more vulnerable to mold exposure

- Since the 2017 Hurricanes, several schools and hospitals have had major portions of the facilities closed off due to mold infestation and have not yet been remediated for reconstruction.
- Consistent mold exposure can affect the immune system and trigger chronic headaches.

Therefore, it is critical to determine the how many certified mold remediation experts in PR and the USVI are needed.



# Working Together on Workforce



Puerto Rico

Saint Thomas

Saint John

U.S. Virgin Islands



Saint Croix

