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Mr. Alexis J. Rivera is the Deputy Director of the Puerto Rico Trade Company, a public corporation of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico responsible for the development of public policies that will promote the export of goods and services by small and medium sized enterprises and members of the Puerto Rico business community, the development of business intelligence regarding the availability of business opportunities for Puerto Rico's private sector in international markets and the implementation of programs that will allow the Puerto Rico business community to augment its participation in international trade, in each case, consistent with economic development policies of the Puerto Rico Economic Development Department.

Mr. Rivera graduated from Georgetown University Law Center in 1989 after obtaining a Masters Degree in Management from Vrije University in Brussels, Belgium in 1986. Since then, Mr. Rivera has gained considerable experience in public service, having held various high ranking positions in the Government of Puerto Rico and its instrumentalities throughout the past decade. In the private sector, Mr. Rivera has acted as advisor to private sector clients with respect to regulatory aspects of foreign investment in Puerto Rico.

As Deputy Director of the PRTC, Mr. Rivera oversees all operations of the PRTC, including overseeing the operations of Puerto Rico's Free Trade Zone #61 and the rest of its real estate portfolio, conducts business intelligence development activities in furtherance of its goals and manages the PRTC's training and technical assistance programs geared towards small and medium Puerto Rico enterprises, in particular those interested in selling their products and services in foreign markets.