



PUERTO RICO'S EXPERIENCE

TITLE: Puerto Rico Innovation Center for Technology Inspired Economic Development



Country: Puerto Rico

Institution: Georgia Institute of Technology

Type of Institution: Public

Other institutions involved: Puerto Rico Science, Technology, and Research Trust

Date: October 2012 to September 2013

Other countries involved: Puerto Rico (recipient) as territory of US and part of Latin America

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Context

The Foundation for Puerto Rico and the Puerto Rico Science and Technology Trust contacted our institution for assistance in supporting innovation and collaborations between industry and academia, with the support of the government.

Objectives

To stimulate industry and academia interactions and support commercialization with universities and other innovation ecosystem partners.

Relevance

While the effort is in its initial stages, the pathways for increased industry / academic partnerships are being broadened and support has been provided for several members of the innovation ecosystem.

Implementation

So far, Georgia Tech has conducted workshops on university governance, faculty commercialization strategies, and cluster development. In addition, we have assisted with technology assessments for university based intellectual property, preparing grants for economic development programs, and collaborated with our sister EDA University Center to share best practices.

Distribution of tasks
Georgia Tech is the sole agent for the project. However, internally we have faculty from many different disciplines working together to support the effort, including economic development professional (entrepreneurship, policy, and technical assistance), faculty researchers, professional education faculty, and research corporation directors.
Achievements and results
Still too early in the process.
Modalities that are considered appropriate to facilitate the exchange of this experience
Information sharing
Previous experiences that show the potential for replication of this experiences
Yes, we believe that the process of enhancing collaborations.
Experiences and subjects to learn from other RIAC members
Triple Helix integration and stimulation to produce a thriving innovation economy.
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