

**PUBLIC POLICY TO REVOKE THE APPLICATION FOR THE "SYSTEM FOR
AWARD MANAGEMENT" (SAM) AS WELL AS THE "DATA UNIVERSAL
NUMBERING SYSTEM" (DUNS)**

I. INTRODUCTION

The Mayagüez – Las Marías Local Workforce Development Area (Local Area) was designated, by the Governor of Puerto Rico, to serve as jurisdiction for the administration of workforce development activities and the execution of the Adult, Displaced, and Youth Programs, delegated by the State, as established in the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). approved by the Congress of the United States of America, on July 22, 2014.

As part of the tools to provide services to our participants, it is necessary to hire employers and service providers. To complete this process, employers and suppliers have been asked to register in the "*System for Award Management*" (SAM) as well as the "*Data Universal Numbering System*" (DUNS). The latter has adversely affected the evaluation and hiring processes. Moreover, sometimes small and medium-sized merchants do not use our services due to the difficulties involved in obtaining both registrations. This limits the process of job creation, training, and disbursement of funds on our part. The reference documents were being requested given an exhortation made by the Department of Economic Development and Commerce, on February 21, 2017, in which it was invited to adopt as a practice of sound administration to request them.

II. BASE LEGAL

- *Training and Employment Guidance Letter (TEGL) No. 17-15* issued by the U.S. Department of Labor's Training and Employment Administration.
- Statement issued by the Executive Director of the Workforce Development Program, dated February 26, 2019

III. PUBLIC POLICY

Based on a letter dated February 26, 2019, and signed by Mrs. Natasha Vazqueztell Cordero, Executive Director of the Labor Development Program, we have determined not to request employers, educational entities and organizations with or

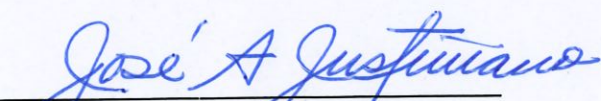
The Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) is a non-profit organization with which we have a contractual relationship, the "*System for Award Management*" (SAM) and the "*Data Universal Numbering System*" (DUNS).

Removing these two (2) records from the list of requirements will facilitate the process of submitting proposals and contracting with employers and service providers, which will result in the creation of jobs and training opportunities for our participants.

It should be clarified that TEGL 17-15 refers to the records and indicates that they are a requirement for applicants for federal delegations, as well as specifies the obligation of the State to do so, as an applicant. This does not apply to the entities with which we contract. Contracts between employers/service providers and the Board of Mayors are between non-federal entities, no delegation of federal funds to the federal government is requested, so these records are not mandatory for the entities.

IV. APPROVAL AND VALIDITY

This public policy will come into force immediately after its approval. Any other communications, policies or procedures relating to the application for the "*System for Award Management*" (SAM) and the "*Data Universal Numbering System*" (DUNS) registrations will be terminated. It shall be the responsibility of the Executive Director to inform staff within five (5) days of its approval.



JOSÉ A. JUSTINIANO RODRIGUEZ
Local Board President

March 8, 2019
DATE