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Dear doctor Vélez González,

The Architectural Project for the new facilities of the College of Communication and Information - FaCI, placed in the historic Quadrangle, is an integral part of the Master Plan of our campus and is a priority among the permanent projects carried out with Federal Emergency Management Agency – FEMA federal funds.

The project of approximately 30,000 square feet is located in the emblematic buildings named Eugenio María de Hostos and The Register. The program of uses (See Annex 1) and space layout, carefully discussed with the College's administrators, successfully adjusts to the spaces of both buildings.

FEMA's administrative processes are very rigorous and competitive, meaning that the project, although it could take longer, is carried out in compliance with the highest administrative standards, as well as design and construction regulations. Currently, the project is in the designer's selection process. The design process can last eight months. At the beginning of this period the designer will meet with you to present and discuss the proposed schematic design. Once the design is completed, the auction process is carried out to choose the construction contractor, and the construction phase can last about 24 to 28 months. The project is expected to be completed by the first quarter of 2028.

We recognize that having adequate physical facilities is an urgent need and is a significant requirement for your accreditation agencies. Therefore, this project is a priority for the UPR Administration.

Cordially,

Lcda. Vivian I. Neptune Rivera
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