

March 11, 2026

NOTICE OF AWARD – RFP No. DDEC-2025-06.

This Notice of Award is issued to all proponents that submitted proposals in response to the above-referenced RFP.

I. Background

On October 27, 2025, the Department of Economic Development and Commerce ("DDEC") issued a Request for Proposal ("RFP") for the Validation of Economic Development Incentives [RFP-DDEC-2025-06].

The Department sought qualified professional engineering firms to support the compliance review of incentives agreement pursuant to which DDEC awards cash grants. The selected firms will be responsible for validating contractual requirements through document reviews, onsite inspections, and technical assessments, focusing on machinery, equipment, and infrastructure projects. These services aim to ensure proper use of public funds and to expedite the review and disbursement process of cash grants. The scope of the work included represent DDEC in project inspections, review of financial documentation and technical evidence, on site verification of project implementation, preparation and submission of compliance report, recommendations for corrective action, and financial data review.

All respondents were required to submit their proposals in full compliance with the RFP package issued by the DDEC by November 21st, 2025 at 3pm.

By November 21st, 2025 the following proponents submitted their proposals:

1. Family Endeavors, Inc.
2. Ferpo Consulting, PSC
3. Geo Engineers, PSC
4. Integrum, LLC
5. Intervoice Communication of Puerto Rico, Inc.
6. Mentor Technical Group, Corp.
7. Novaforge Consulting Partners, LLC
8. PMCG, LLC
9. Stratsol, Inc.
10. Yama Consulting Services, Inc.

On January 20, 2026, the designated DDEC committee performed an initial evaluation of the proposals submitted.

As established in the RFP package the DDEC retained discretion to conduct negotiations with all proponents or request clarifications. During the process of evaluation of proposals, the Committee engaged in negotiations with the proponents. Negotiations resumed on March 3, 2026.

II. Evaluation of Requests for Proposals

All respondents were evaluated in accordance with the instructions, methods and criteria established by the DDEC and the RPF package.

Proposals were evaluated through a structured, multi-stage process to ensure fairness, transparency, and alignment with the objectives of the DDEC, using the factors and relative importance set forth in the RFP, consisting of the following:

- Factor 1 - Compliance with mandatory requirements (Pass/Fail)
- Factor 2 - Personnel Qualifications and Relevant Experience – 55 points
- Factor 3 - Technical Approach/Work Plan/Schedule/Methodology – 30 points
- Factor 4 - Cost of Proposal – 15 points

The DDEC evaluation considered responsiveness to mandatory requirements, overall merit under the stated factors, and the best value to the DDEC.

III. Awarded Proponent

After completing the evaluation process in accordance with the RFP and applicable laws and regulations, the DDEC hereby awards the contract for the referenced Project/Services to the proponents identified below.

1. Geo Engineers, PSC
Awarded Item(s): Full Scope
Estimated Cost per case: \$3,720.
2. Mentor Technical Group, Corp.
Awarded Item(s): Full Scope
Estimated Cost per case: \$3,644.
3. PMCG, LLC
Awarded Item(s): Full Scope
Estimated Cost per case: \$3,680.

The proposals submitted by Geo Engineers, Mentor Technical Group, and PMCG were evaluated according to the criteria established in the RFP Specifications. During the evaluation process, it was confirmed that the proposals meet all the technical, administrative, and operational requirements requested by DDEC. The companies Geo Engineers, Mentor Technical Group, and PMCG demonstrated the capacity to adequately meet the needs described in the request for proposal and complied with all the mandatory requirements as requested.

The following is a summary of the principal grounds supporting the award determination:

Geo Engineers, PSC is a company registered with the Puerto Rico Department of State with thirteen (13) years of professional experience providing engineering and inspection services. The firm has demonstrated relevant experience and past performance through services provided to multiple government entities, including the Metropolitan Bus Authority (AMA), the Puerto Rico Infrastructure Financing Authority (AFI), Head Start programs, PRASA, the Municipality of Guaynabo, and other municipalities. The proposal

reflects strong technical merit, as the firm proposes to conduct infrastructure, machinery, and equipment inspections using a hybrid Agile/Waterfall methodology designed to ensure compliance with the RFP requirement that all assigned cases are evaluated, and a complete report is submitted to DDEC within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of assignment. In terms of staffing and organizational capacity, Geo Engineers has identified multiple certified professionals and sufficient personnel resources to meet the scope of work and perform the required services in a timely and efficient manner. The firm also presents a competitive cost proposal, with a cost per case that falls within the established budget framework, demonstrating cost reasonableness and overall value to the program.

Mentor Technical Group (MTG) is a firm established in Puerto Rico since 2000, specializing in engineering, validation, regulatory compliance, and technical services for highly regulated industries. The firm demonstrates relevant experience and past performance, including prior work with the DDEC supporting grant validation processes, through which the firm recommended the disbursement of \$26,149,362.45 in funding. MTG has also provided services to major industry clients such as Viatrix, Amgen, and Millicent, demonstrating its capability to operate within complex and highly regulated environments. The proposal reflects technical merit through the firm's expertise in engineering validation and compliance-related assessments applicable to the scope of work under the RFP. In terms of staffing and organizational capacity, MTG maintains qualified technical personnel with the professional expertise necessary to meet the requirements of the RFP and to perform the required services in a timely and efficient manner. The firm's proposed approach also supports effective project management and adherence to program timelines, ensuring that all assigned cases are evaluated, and a complete report is submitted to DDEC within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of assignment, in accordance with the RFP requirements. Additionally, MTG submitted a competitive cost proposal, demonstrating cost reasonableness and overall value to the program.

PMCG, LLC is a firm registered with the Puerto Rico Department of State since 2021. The company has provided services to both governmental and non-governmental clients, demonstrating relevant operational experience. Among the government entities it has supported are the Municipality of Guaynabo, the Puerto Rico Department of Housing, and PREPA, reflecting familiarity with federally funded and highly regulated programs. PMCG has also supported the Puerto Rico Department of Housing in similar case validation efforts, demonstrating relevant experience in program oversight and compliance-related activities. The firm's methodology emphasizes regulatory compliance, operational efficiency, and the use of advanced technology for real-time project monitoring, supporting transparent and effective program oversight. In terms of staffing and organizational capacity, PMCG maintains certified professionals with the technical expertise and personnel resources necessary to meet the requirements of the RFP. The firm's management approach supports effective coordination and adherence to program timelines, ensuring that all assigned cases are evaluated, and a complete report is submitted to DDEC within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of assignment. Additionally, PMCG submitted a competitive cost proposal, demonstrating cost reasonableness and overall value to the program.

Based on the evaluation record, the proposals from companies Geo Engineers, Mentor Technical Group, and PMCG represented the best value for the DDEC, as it fully meets the evaluation criteria, effectively responds to the identified needs and were rated highest (or most advantageous) under the RFP criteria.

IV. Non-Awarded Proponents

The DDEC received timely proposals from the following offerors:

1. Family Endeavors, Inc. - Total Cost: \$1,155,500 - Family Endeavors Inc. submitted a proposal that meets the requirements outlined in the RFP. However, the proposed cost is significantly higher than other submissions, and the technical approach provides limited detail on how deviations from the project timeline would be handled. As such, while the offer is responsive, it does not represent the best value for DDEC.
2. Ferpo Consulting, PSC - Estimated Cost per case: \$3,135- Ferpo Consulting PSC submitted a proposal that demonstrates general awareness of the RFP requirements. However, the submission lacks sufficient detail on how the firm would provide technical support and guidance to meet the scope of work. Much of the information provided replicates content from the RFP rather than presenting a clear, customized methodology.
3. Integrum, LLC. - Integrum, LLC. submitted a proposal that meets the requirements outlined in the RFP. However, the proposed cost per hour is significantly higher than other submissions. Additionally, the proposal does not provide a detailed breakdown of the hours required for each phase, nor the allocation of hours per case for each phase.
4. Intervoice Communication of Puerto Rico, Inc.- Estimated Cost per case: \$4,500 - Intervoice Communication of Puerto Rico, Inc. submitted a proposal that meets the requirements outlined in the RFP. The overall proposal is well structured and outlines the activities and processes the firm will implement to meet the requirements of the RFP, reflecting an understanding of the scope of work and program objectives. The proposal demonstrates technical merit in its description of the services and deliverables to be performed; however, it provides limited detail regarding the methodology for developing and implementing corrective action plans, which are an important component of effective program oversight and compliance monitoring.
5. Novaforge Consulting Partners, LLC - Total Cost: \$192,675. - NovaForge Consulting Partners LLC submitted a well-structured proposal with a cost plan that appears reasonable and clearly organized. The proposal outlines the general scope of services the firm intends to provide in support of the validation of economic development incentives and demonstrates an understanding of the objectives of the RFP. However, the submission provides limited detail regarding the specific methodology that would be used to conduct the validation processes, including how reviews, inspections, and documentation analysis would be implemented. The proposal indicates that a more detailed work plan and methodology should be developed and submitted after contract award. As the RFP required proposers to describe their proposed methodology and approach, the lack of sufficient methodological detail limited the evaluation committee's ability to fully assess the firm's technical approach and implementation strategy.
6. Stratsol, Inc. - Estimated Cost per case: \$7,567 - Stratsol, Inc. submitted a proposal that meets the requirements outlined in the RFP. The firm presents a detailed work plan for each phase of the project, including estimated hours per case and a step-by-step description of the methodology to be used to conduct the validation processes. Additionally, the proposal outlines clearly defined Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) to support progress monitoring and quality assurance. However, after a comparative evaluation of all proposals received and considering the criteria established in the RFP, it was determined that other proposals offered a higher degree of alignment with the operational and strategic needs of the project.
7. Yama Consulting Services, Inc. - Estimated Cost per case: \$1,200. – Yama Consulting Services, Inc. submitted a proposal that outlines a methodology that distributes assigned cases across four geographic regions to support operational management. However, the proposed cost structure and estimated level of effort raise concerns regarding cost reasonableness and the total number of hours

allocated per case. The firm indicates the capacity to process approximately 1,000 cases per year at an estimated cost of \$1,200 per case, for a total of \$1,200,000; however, the information provided does not sufficiently demonstrate that the proposed level of effort aligns with the scope and complexity of the services required under the RFP. Therefore, following the comparative evaluation of all proposals received, this proposal was not selected for award.

V. Administrative Reconsideration

Any person, party or entity that considers itself having been adversely affected by this award determination may file a written petition for reconsideration before the Secretary within the twenty (20) days from the date on which the copy of the Award Notice is duly notified, as established in Act 38-2017, known as the Uniform Administrative Procedures of the Government of Puerto Rico Act.

The petition for reconsideration must include: (i) a copy of this Notice of Award; (ii) the detailed grounds and supporting evidence for reconsideration; and (iii) a clear statement of the specific relief requested. The moving party must notify the DDEC of the motion/petition and include proof that the motion/petition was notified to the Awarded and Non-Awarded Proponents within the applicable term.

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Within fifteen (15) days of filing, the DDEC must consider the Petition for Reconsideration. If the Motion for Reconsideration is summarily denied or no action is taken within those fifteen (15) days, the term to seek judicial review begins to run again upon notice of the denial or upon expiration of the fifteen (15) day period, as applicable. If the Motion for Reconsideration is considered on the merits, the term to seek judicial review begins to run from the date a copy of the DDEC's final resolution deciding reconsideration is served. The final resolution must be issued and filed/entered in the record within ninety (90) days after the Motion of Reconsideration is filed.

If the DDEC entertains the reconsideration but takes no action within ninety (90) days, the DDEC will lose jurisdiction and the term to seek judicial review begins upon expiration of that ninety (90) day calendar period, unless the DDEC—for good cause and within the ninety (90) days—extends the period to decide by up to thirty (30) additional calendar days.

VI. Judicial Review

After exhausting administrative remedies, regarding the reconsideration process mentioned above, an adversely affected party may seek judicial review before the Puerto Rico Court of Appeals.

Deadline to file Judicial Review: A petition for judicial review must be filed within thirty (30) calendar days from the date this Notice of Award is served or from service of the final resolution deciding reconsideration, if applicable.

The thirty (30) day filing term is jurisdictional. The term is computed from the service date (date of deposit in the mail or date of electronic transmission, as applicable; see Section VII). If the filing period was interrupted by a motion for reconsideration, the term is computed pursuant to LPAU Section 3.15 (as reflected in the reconsideration rules above).

Notice of filing: The petitioner must notify the DDEC, the Awarded Proponent and all other Non-Awarded Proponents of the filing of the judicial review petition within the same term for seeking judicial review. Notice may be made by mail or electronic mail. Notice to the entity's legal director/legal office is recommended but not required.

Failure to file within the jurisdictional term will deprive the reviewing forum of jurisdiction.

VII. Date of Service of Notice of Award

Electronic Transmission Date: March 11, 2026.

This Notice is being provided to all Proponents on the date(s) indicated above by email.

For purposes of any administrative reconsideration or judicial review deadlines described in Sections V and VI, the applicable term begins to run from the Mailing Date or, if the Notice is transmitted electronically and the electronic transmission date differs, from the Electronic Transmission Date.

VIII. Certificate of Notification

I certify that a true and correct copy of this Notice of Award was notified through electronic means on the dates listed under Section VII and served upon to all proponents listed in Section I, on March 11, 2026.



Sincerely,

Secretary Sebastián Negrón Reichard