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The Hispanic Chamber of Metro Orlando is proud to announce a commercial mission trip to Puerto Rico in 2026. With more than one million Puerto Ricans living in Florida, Central Florida remains the top destination for companies expanding from the island. Key sectors such as healthcare, manufacturing, technology, and education continue to grow their presence in our region, driving job creation, strengthening our talent pipeline, and bringing new investment to our local economy.



The Hispanic Chamber of Metro Orlando invites a select delegation of corporate executives, government officials, healthcare leaders, and business owners to participate in a strategic economic development mission to Puerto Rico.

Mission

This mission is designed to provide Central Florida leaders with an executive-level **understanding of Puerto Rico's economic landscape and its connection to the continued growth of our region.** It will also highlight opportunities for cross-regional collaboration in healthcare, workforce development, investment, and other key industries shaping both economies.

Participants will gain insight into:

- Puerto Rico's current economic outlook and key growth sectors
- Federal and local incentive programs that attract U.S. investment
- Investment, redevelopment, and infrastructure priorities across the island
- Strategic sectors that align with Central Florida's economy, including healthcare and life sciences
- Workforce trends and migration patterns influencing Florida's labor market
- Case studies of companies successfully operating and expanding between Puerto Rico and Central Florida

More than 50% of Central Florida's Hispanic population is of Puerto Rican origin, creating deep economic, workforce, healthcare, and entrepreneurial ties between both regions. As migration, capital flows, and business expansion continue to grow, understanding Puerto Rico's economic framework provides valuable context for leaders shaping **Central Florida's future and strengthening strategic partnerships across both markets.**



Puerto Rico Fact Sheet:

A Strategic CFL Partner

Puerto Rico is the largest economy in the Caribbean with a GDP of \$113.4 billion and serves as a strategic manufacturing and export hub for the United States.

Key economic indicators include:

- 48% of Puerto Rico's economy is driven by manufacturing
- One-third of GDP is generated by finance, insurance, real estate, and professional services
- #1 Bioscience manufacturing hub in the United States
- #1 Producer and exporter of pharmaceuticals in the United States
- Strong compliance and infrastructure in aerospace and defense manufacturing

Puerto Rico also offers competitive investment incentives, including:

- 4% fixed income tax rate on eligible export services income
- 75% exemption on property taxes
- 50% exemption on municipal taxes
- 100% exemption on dividends and profit distributions
- These incentives have attracted global investment while supporting local enterprise development.

Puerto Rico Key Industries

Puerto Rico's economic sectors closely align with Central Florida's growth industries:

- Advanced Manufacturing (Pharmaceuticals, Medical Devices, Aerospace, Electronics, Food Processing)
- Aerospace & Defense
- Biosciences
- Agriculture and Food & Beverage Production
- Energy
- Finance & Insurance
- Logistics and Supply Chain
- Professional Services
- Creative Industries
- Technology and Information & Communications Technology (ICT)





Central Florida Fact Sheet:

A Global Economic Hub

Key indicators include:

- Fastest-growing large economy in the United States
- Fastest-growing population among major U.S. metro regions
- Over 1,000 new residents per week relocating to the region
- 26.2% of Orlando's population speaks Spanish, reinforcing strong ties with Puerto Rico and Latin America
- 81% of the workforce is employed outside leisure and hospitality, reflecting a diversified economy
- No. 1 in the U.S. for job growth

Central Florida is also home to major institutional anchors:

- Headquarters of two of the largest health systems in the United States: AdventHealth and Orlando Health
- University of Central Florida, the nation's largest university and leading supplier of aerospace and defense workforce talent
- Orlando International Airport connecting the region to 170+ nonstop destinations worldwide

Central Florida Key Industries

The region's economy spans multiple advanced industries:

- Aerospace & Defense
- Advanced Manufacturing
- Semiconductors
- Optics & Photonics
- Autonomous Vehicles
- Digital Media & Gaming
- Life Sciences & Healthcare
- Biotechnology & Pharmaceuticals
- Simulation & Defense Training
- Financial Technology (FinTech)
- Logistics & Distribution
- Aviation
- Entertainment Technology
- Business Services
- Corporate Headquarters & Regional Offices

This diversified economic base creates strong alignment with Puerto Rico's industrial sectors and supply chains

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