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Mr. Manuel Ortiz
President
Ortiz Group Engineering & Construction Services Corp.
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Dear Mr. Ortiz:

Congratulations! I am pleased to inform you that you have been selected to receive the U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) Minority Small Business Person of the Year Award 2009 for the District of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

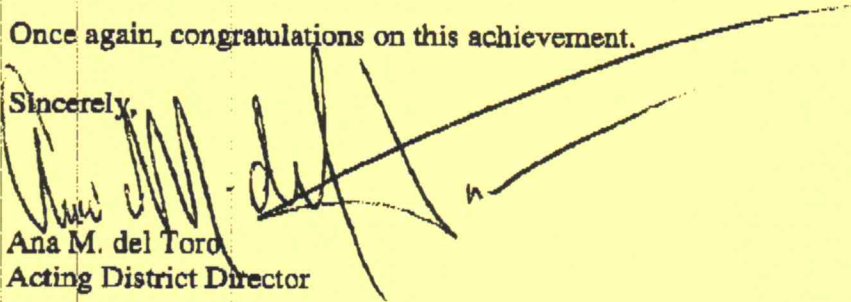
This award is proof of your remarkable accomplishments through hard work, dedication, and commitment. The SBA is proud to acknowledge the great contributions you are making to the economic development of our island.

Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week celebrations will be held in Puerto Rico the second week of October. The SBA will join the Puerto Rico Minority Business Enterprise Center (MBEC) in acknowledging the outstanding efforts minority entrepreneurs are making towards the strengthening of Puerto Rico's economy.

You will soon receive details about the MBEC's upcoming awards ceremony, during which the SBA will honor you, to be held on Wednesday, October 14 at the Condado Plaza Hotel in San Juan. In the meantime, you may contact Ms. Angelique Adjutant, SBA Public Affairs Officer, at (787) 766-5570 for any information you might need.

Once again, congratulations on this achievement.

Sincerely,



Ana M. del Toro
Acting District Director