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**Representatives from HUD, the CDFI Fund and Others to Address Community Development Need in Puerto Rico**

Novogradac to Host Investing in Puerto Rico Conference, May 9-10

**SAN FRANCISCO**— The May 9-10 [Novogradac 2019 Investing in Puerto Rico Conference](#) in San Juan, Puerto Rico, will provide important insights on community development opportunities in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

“There are ample opportunities for public-private partnerships to make a significant impact on Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands” said conference chairman Brad Elphick, CPA and Novogradac partner. “Incentives such as opportunity zones, low-income housing tax credits and new markets tax credits can be game changers in bringing capital into communities that need investment.”

Panels will feature experienced community development leaders, including Rosa Martinez, the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund’s acting program manager for the new markets tax credit; Efraín Maldonado Ramírez, a field office director for the U.S. Department of Housing and Development; and Dennis González, disaster recovery deputy secretary for the Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery program. Scheduled keynote speakers include Fernando Gil Enseñat, secretary of the Puerto Rico Department of Housing, and Rodrick Miller, CEO of Invest Puerto Rico. Other speakers include knowledgeable agency staff, developers, investors, lenders, attorneys and accountants.

Discussion topics will include the investment and lending outlook in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Island, opportunities for mainland investors and how local incentives can help. The full agenda can be found [here](#). In addition, pre-conference workshops on Opportunity Zones Basics, LIHTC Basics, RAD Basics and NMTC Basics will be offered May 8. Separate registration and fees apply.

The **Novogradac 2019 Investing in Puerto Rico Conference** is co-hosted by Banco Popular and Hunt Capital Partners. Sponsors include Arnall Golden Gregory LLP, Fernando I. Sumaza & Company Inc., Kutak Rock LLP, Lathrop Gage, LISC NEF NMSC Opportunity Zones, Monllor Capital Partners, Nixon Peabody LLP, R4 Capital and The Richman Group. Natura Architectural Consulting is an exhibitor.

**About Novogradac & Company**

Novogradac began operations in 1989 and has grown to more than 600 employees and partners with offices in 27 cities. Tax, audit and consulting specialty practice areas for Novogradac include affordable housing, opportunity zones, community development, historic rehabilitation and renewable energy.

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