



ALIANZA PUERTORRIQUEÑA SOLIDARIA CON HAITI

October 12, 2016

RE: Request for Emergency Humanitarian Air Support from Puerto Rico to Haiti

Dear Sir or Madam:

In response to the devastation caused by Hurricane Matthew in Haiti, the Alianza Puertorriqueña Solidaria con Haití (Puerto Rican Alliance in Solidarity with Haiti) is currently mobilizing teams of aid workers (doctors, builders, etc.) and shipment of emergency goods (medicines, water purifiers, temporary housing, construction materials, etc.) for **immediate deployment** to the areas most affected, particularly in the south and southwest areas of Haiti. Through our network of 50 organizations, we already have many people on the ground and corresponding infrastructure that will ensure that the aid will directly reach people in need rapidly and responsibly.

We anticipate needing dozens of flights over the next month for visits that would typically comprise 7-14 days each. To contribute toward this effort, we are writing to **request that Cape Air provide special flights for our teams of workers** with waived or discounted costs. In particular, due to the urgency of delivering people and goods directly to the southwest area, we are particularly interested to know if it is possible to **arrange flights directly to Antoine Simon Airport in Les Cayes (CYA)**. However, flights arriving at Port au Prince are still valuable to us.

Please respond to our request as soon as possible. If you would like to meet with the leaders of the Alianza in person, **we invite you to attend a gathering at Metropol Restaurant on Avenida Franklin Delano Roosevelt on Saturday October 15, at 6:00PM**. Thank you for your prompt attention to this **urgent humanitarian request**. We greatly appreciate any assistance that you can provide.

Sincerely,

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LA ALIANZA PUERTORRIQUEÑA SOLIDARIA CON HAITI CONSISTS OF APPROXIMATELY 70 ORGANIZATIONS FROM PUERTO RICO THAT PROVIDE HUMANITARIAN SERVICES IN HAITI. THE ALIANZA MEETS MONTHLY AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUERTO RICO IN OLD SAN JUAN AND IN OTHER LOCATIONS. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, **PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE: LILY CASTRO**, 787-604-2093, lcastro@estado.pr.gov; **JUAN FERNANDEZ**, 787-508-9306, juanlumapr@aol.com.