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Parsons Corporation Secures Role in \$5 Billion Puerto Rico Power Project

Parsons Corporation has been selected to participate in the US Army Corps of Engineers, Savannah District's extensive \$5 billion contract aimed at stabilizing Puerto Rico's power system, which has suffered from storm and earthquake damage since 2017. The company is set to play a critical role in providing temporary power solutions to support the ongoing repair work at power generation facilities across the island, according to investing.com.

The contract positions Parsons to compete for orders that will facilitate the delivery of temporary power generation necessary due to the compromised state of Puerto Rico's power grid following multiple natural disasters post-2017. This initiative is part of a broader effort by the US government to aid in the recovery of Puerto Rican residents and ensure the continuity of electrical service.

The need for temporary power stems from significant damages sustained by Puerto Rico's power system as a result of several storms and an earthquake. As restoration efforts proceed, Parsons' extensive experience over six decades in providing energy-related solutions, including alternative and renewable energy sources, will be instrumental in meeting the needs of customers during this critical period. Read more.

ZetaMinusOne Opens Office to Support Rebuild of Tech Energy Infrastructure

News Is My Business reports that ZetaMinusOne has opened an office on the island, drawn by the Act 60 incentives code.

The company specializes in systems engineering and technology, providing services that promote data-driven transformation to enhance revenue streams, margins, and efficiency. It also offers consulting and provides "the opportunity to keep Puerto Rican human resources in Puerto Rico and bring them back to the

island," company executives said.

"When we started this company, we always visualized innovation by constantly using cutting-edge technologies to solve our clients' problems. Furthermore, we aimed to make our company one that serves to promote young Puerto Rican talent," said Javier Muñiz, one of its founders.

"Puerto Rico has suffered several devastating hurricanes over the last decade. We have worked on projects in the energy industry that allow us to contribute and be part of the island's recovery process. Recognizing the serious damage to the energy transmission systems and the outdated energy generation capacity, we see a great opportunity to help improve and rebuild the island's technical energy infrastructure with distributed generation technologies, solar energy and battery storage, among others," said Ben Reyes, a ZetaMinusOne co-founder. Read more.

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