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## **Communication between GDB and Federal Administration on Going**

**San Juan, P.R.-** Carlos M. García, Government Development Bank for Puerto Rico (GDB) President and GDB Board of Directors Chairman, announced he received yesterday afternoon a letter from Brian F. Madigan, Federal Reserve Director, regarding GDB's funds petition to that entity. GDB requested assistance from the Federal Treasury under the "Troubled Asset Relief Program" (TARP) and to the Federal Reserve under section 13 (3) of the Federal Reserve Act.

Madigan's letter states they understand the situation that Puerto Rico is going through, and it does not argue whether GDB qualifies or not for funds in accordance with Section 13 (3). Madigan indicates, however, that GDB's petition is fiscal in nature and that the situation should be addressed through a request to the Federal Administration. García will be traveling to Washington D.C. next week to continue conversations with members of the Federal Administration to explain the merits of GDB's petitions, based on the economic and market conditions that the Island is experiencing.

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“Because this process is particular to Puerto Rico’s situation, it requires a deeper dialogue. We believe GDB qualifies legally under Section 13(3) of the Federal Reserve Act (FRA) and that the character of the Island’s current economic situation is consonant with other crisis situations for which help has been provided in order to address systemic risks. Our efforts are on going and focused on searching for assistance for a supplementary stimulus to our economy.”

### **Historical Background**

GDB is an institution with a long record of achievement and 68 years of history dedicated to being the bank, fiscal agent and financial advisor of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and its instrumentalities. Its mission is to safeguard the fiscal stability and promote the economic development of Puerto Rico. For more information about the GDB, please visit <http://www.gdbpr.com>