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GDB Releases the Economic Activity Index for April 2017

San Juan- Today, the Puerto Rico Fiscal Agency and Financial Advisory Authority (AAFAF, by its Spanish acronym) and the Government Development Bank (GDB) released the Economic Activity Index for the month of April 2017.

In April, the EAI was 121.4, an increase of 0.4 compared to 121.0 in March 2017. From January to April, the EAI averaged 121.3.

The EAI is comprised of four main indicators: total non-farm payroll employment, electric power generation, cement sales, and gasoline consumption. In April, total non-farm payroll employment was 881,400. Electric power generation totaled 1,580 million kWh, while 930,000 bags of cement were sold and 77.3 million gallons of gasoline were consumed.

The EAI is an economic tool that summarizes the current trend and dynamics of the economy of Puerto Rico. The EAI was formulated using a methodology similar to that used in The Conference Board's coincident index. The EAI is highly correlated to Puerto Rico's real GNP.

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