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Dr. David W. Deerfield II
Assistant Director, Biomedical Initiative
4400 Fifth Avenue
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Dear Dr. Deerfield,

I am writing this commitment letter on behalf of Dr. Bienvenido Vélez-Rivera and Dr. Jaime Seguel, both faculty members from our Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering. We strongly support his involvement in the collaborative proposal entitled “**Assisting Bioinformatics Efforts at Minority Schools**” submitted to the National Institute of Health (NIH) in collaboration with the Pittsburgh Super Computing Center and Carnegie Mellon University. Our Engineering programs currently attract the most talented students from public and private high schools in Puerto Rico. We believe that this project will strengthen our academic offerings has a unique potential to significantly enhance UPRM involvement in collaborative education in Computer Science and Bioinformatics.

If this proposal is awarded, we are committed to grant Dr. Bienvenido Vélez-Rivera and Dr. Seguel a release time of three credits per semester for the duration of the research project. We are also committed to provide space at the ECE Department’s facilities to accommodate any computing equipment to be used by students and faculty working on this project. Our system administrators are available to maintain this equipment.

If you need any other information, do not hesitate to contact me.

Cordially,

Dr. José Luis Cruz
Chair
Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering

Approved: Dr. Ramón Vázquez-Espinosa
Dean of the School of Engineering