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**NPRC CONGRATULATES OSVALDO GRATACÓS ON NOMINATION AS
INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR U.S. EXPORT-IMPORT BANK**

Washington, DC (May 18, 2010) - The National Puerto Rican Coalition, Inc. (NPRC) congratulates Osvaldo Gratacós on his nomination by President Barack Obama to serve as Inspector General for the Export-Import Bank of the United States (Ex-Im Bank). The Ex-Im Bank is the official export credit agency of the U.S., with its mission to assist in financing the export of U.S. goods and services to international markets.

Mr. Gratacós has served as the acting Inspector General for Ex-Im Bank since October of 2009. Prior to this post, he served as Deputy Inspector General and legal counsel for the Ex-Im Bank Office of Inspector General. Mr. Gratacós has also served as commercial counsel at Motorola Inc., attorney advisor and legal counsel to the Inspector General for the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), and an adjunct faculty member at the University of Virginia, School of Continuing and Professional Studies in Falls Church, VA.

"Mr. Gratacós' exemplary experience and accomplishments are qualities that reflect the kind of leadership that is essential for a successful presidential appointee," stated Rafael Fantauzzi, President and CEO of NPRC. "With an impressive background in international business and government affairs, Mr. Gratacós has proven his qualifications and ability to fill this very important position — while simultaneously earning the admiration and respect of the Hispanic community," added Fantauzzi.

Mr. Gratacós earned a Bachelor's degree from the Inter-American University of Puerto Rico, a Master's in Business Administration (MBA) from the University of Massachusetts, and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Florida.

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