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## **Puerto Rico-Orlando Consultants helps make moving to Central Florida much easier**

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Moving can be a stressful time for anyone, especially for those who are starting from scratch (i.e. without a job, house, car etc.). That's where Antonio Miró and his wife, Ivonne Caparros, come in.

Miró and Caparros are Realtors who created the Puerto Rico-Orlando Consultants (PR-OC). Through PR-OC, they offer free individualized consultations on how to expand businesses, find employment opportunities and find a home in order to relocate to Central Florida. "[Our] services are mainly directed to residents in Puerto Rico who are interested in the Central Florida area, whether for relocation or business expansion," Miró said.

In order to provide the most updated information, PR-OC will be adding links to their website about area schools, hospitals, residential communities, housing development floor plans, and local utility companies. The couple will be in Puerto Rico Nov. 9-11 at the Medical Technologist Association of Puerto Rico convention.

Having struggled themselves when they moved with their children to Central Florida is what motivated Miró and Caparros to start PR-OC. They wanted to help other prospective Central Florida residents get started the right way. "Our transition process was not easy. We did not know the area, and we did not know anyone who could advise us," remembered Miró. "Simple things, that now seem easy and basic, were frustrating and difficult then."

Among the challenges that the company faced when it first started five years ago was collecting data on how to acquire professional licenses or to validate existing licenses from Puerto Rico in Florida. Moreover, Miró said it wasn't easy finding bilingual contacts in areas such as banks, loan brokerage, law, accounting and government services in general. "Because of our company, we have been able to inform people and help them make a more objective and effective decision about moving to Florida," said Miró. PR-OC's motto is, "To give real service, you must add something that cannot be bought with money, and that is sincerity and integrity."

As licensed Realtors, Miró and Caparros work closely with many recognized custom home builders and real-estate developers in Florida such as Centerline Homes, DiVosta Homes, and Park Square Homes. Century 21 New Home Galleria also endorses them. Miró said now is a good time to buy a home or business in Central Florida because the buyer market supply is currently greater than the demand. “The market is offering great incentives for the purchase of new properties because of the inventory available,” said Miró. He also said the Central Florida area is booming with the proposed new School of Medicine, new Veterans Hospital and a recognized Biomedical Investigation Institute located near Lake Nona. “It is projected that in the year 2050, the population of Florida will double, reaching approximately 7 million residents,” Miró said. “This will guarantee constant economic, business and property growth.”

Before starting PR-OC, Miró was a loss prevention inspector for many national companies as well as a reservist on the disaster team of the American Red Cross. He has a bachelor’s degree in economics from the University of Puerto Rico-Mayagüez. Caparros is a medical technologist who owned her own laboratory. She was also a professor at the School of Medical Technology of Ponce’s Pontifical Catholic University.