

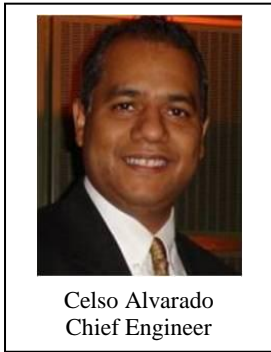


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A New Model Community to be Built Just North of Port-au-Prince, Haiti

Using International Standards for Sustainable Development, the QUEST Institute (www.questinstitute.net) is planning to build a small community just north of the International Airport in Port-au-Prince which can serve as a benchmark for on-going development in Haiti. The QUEST Institute is working with a variety of Subject Matter Experts, other Non-Profit Organizations, as well as Corporate Sponsors in order to construct and operate a new model town consisting of a Trade School focusing on Reconstruction Technology, a Childcare/Orphanage Facility, a Hospital, Lodging Facilities for International Aid Workers/Missionaries, a Small Industrial Park for Light Manufacturing, and other Civil Works necessary for a sustainable, model community. The project will provide employment for approximately 500 Haitian Professionals and 1500 laborers, as well as provide housing for approximately 2000 people.

Port-au-Prince, Haiti - January 28, 2010: A 100-acre property just north of the International Airport in Port-au-Prince shall be the home to approximately 2,000 displaced Haitians who will be among the first to engage in medium to long-term reconstruction efforts in their country. The collaborative effort between local landowners, international experts and funding organizations shall be managed by the Orlando, Florida-Based, QUEST Institute.



Celso Alvarado
Chief Engineer

The initiative is being spearheaded by Mr. Celso Alvarado, an expert on international standards for sustainable development who represents the United States on ISO Technical Committees 176 and 207. Mr. Alvarado says “*The QUEST Institute shall provide the leadership, methodology, tools and training necessary to construct Green communities which are not only environmentally friendly and sustainable, but also economically self-reliant*”

The project shall serve as a model for employing clean energy technology as well as for establishing the local commercial and light industrial development mechanisms to allow for long-term economic self-sufficiency.

The QUEST Institute is bringing together top-notch international consultants to ensure expedient, high-quality solutions to help improve the living conditions of those affected in Haiti. For example, the QUEST Institute’s European advisors have the hands-on experience in developing high quality building structures; employing the modular construction technology which has been effectively used in reconstruction efforts following the devastating earthquake that hit Central Italy in 2009.

The QUEST Institute’s Representative and Legal Advisor in Port-au-Prince is Mr. Patrick Laurent - one of Haiti’s most prominent Attorneys. Mr. Laurent is Secretary General of the Haitian Bar Association and serves as the Treasurer for the Port-au-Prince Lawyer’s Association.



Patrick Laurent
Legal Counsel

Leading the QUEST Institute’s operations in Port-au-Prince is Mr. Ron Charles, a Haitian-American Administrator who will manage an initial team of 20 Professionals which include local Engineers, Doctors, Teachers and Nurses.

Chairing the QUEST Institute’s International Advisory Board is **Ms. Adriana Silos** – a Human Rights Lawyer with over 10 years of experience working with the Indigenous Communities in Mexico. Another prominent member of the Advisory Board is **Mr. Roberto Muñiz** – a Fellow and former member of the Board of Directors of the American College of Health Care Administrators; whom shall provide expertise in Hospital Construction and Administration Standards. The Advisory Board also includes **Mr. Ken Futernick** – for over 60 years the Futernick family has built numerous mid rise buildings throughout the metropolitan New York and Long Island areas and internationally. The Futernicks have been responsible for the construction of more than 1,000 affordable homes in Puerto Rico.

The Executive Director of the QUEST Institute is Mr. Julio Acevedo - Professor of Engineering at the Caribbean University in Puerto Rico - who has vast experience and an excellent track record of success in setting up light manufacturing operations in Haiti and other developing countries. Prior to his current assignment Mr. Acevedo was the Plant Manager for Hanes Brands, Inc. in Ponce, Puerto Rico.

The QUEST Institute’s International and Local Expertise is a winning combination for developing a model community which shall serve as the standard for the future sustainable success.

About QUEST

QUEST (Quality, Environmental Science and Technology Institute, Inc.) is a non-profit organization that conducts research and contributes to the development of standards which are used to improve the quality of life. QUEST was founded by Mr. Celso Alvarado who is an international expert on standards related to Quality, Environmental Management, Food Safety, Occupational Health & Safety and Corporate Social Responsibility.

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