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Toledo Engineering Provides Demolition Services, Recycling Options

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Under the leadership of husband-and-wife team Guillermo Toledo and Vivian Solá, Toledo Engineering Corp. offers customers the best that two young professionals can give: quality service, a fair price, modern equipment, and a personal touch. Specializing in demolitions and concrete recycling, Toledo Engineering has built a secure niche for itself on the island, with Toledo as president.

Toledo Engineering specializes in three types of demolition: conventional, selective, and marine. Solá explained conventional demolitions entail heavy equipment, while selective demolitions are more manual. Marine demolitions involve structures that are underwater, such as the pillars that hold docks.

The company's incursion into recycling concrete has proved to be quite successful. "We recycle the product of our demolitions to make aggregate A-1-a," explained Solá, adding that the byproduct is a construction material that can be used elsewhere. She said this is an attractive option for most customers because it's more affordable. Furthermore, Toledo Engineering can offer the aggregate at a lower cost to customers who have chosen the company for a demolition project. "Customers can recycle the demolition's byproduct to maximize the project's earnings," said Solá.

Toledo Engineering has worked on important projects such as the Condado Beach Trio, where the concrete

was recycled and reused, and the Las Américas Port. The company is now demolishing the Association of Commonwealth Employees (AEELA by its Spanish acronym) building in Ponce de León Avenue and Fort Buchanan's family housing. The National Parks Co. has also tapped them to remove the handicapped ramp at the Monserrate Public Beach in Luquillo.



One of Toledo Engineering's demolition projects in the Condado Beach Trio area

Aside from these services, Toledo Engineering offers clients asbestos and lead abatement, debris disposal, environmental assessments, permits, project supervision, management, inspections, safety, and cost monitoring. Plans for an expansion are already underway—the company's offices will soon move to a lot in Trujillo Alto, where Toledo and Solá plan to install the concrete recycling machine.

Solá attributes the company's success to its commitment to quality service and its loyal employees. "We guarantee a project will be finished on time and on budget," she said. "If I sign an estimate, that's what it will cost, as long as the client is satisfied and

the project is concluded on time."

This year promises to be a good one for the company; Solá expects to surpass the company's income estimates in six months, given its 2004 performance. "The quality of the service we provide has opened doors for us," she said. ■

