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PRESS RELEASE

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Chair

Project QUEST, Inc. Awarded ACE Grant from the State of Texas

Father Walter D'heedene,
CICM
Secretary

Project QUEST will hold a press conference on Tuesday, May 20, 2014, at 10:00 am on the steps of City Hall to announce a \$500,000.00 Adult Career Education (ACE) award from the State of Texas. This grant to QUEST will support 300 participants attending the Alamo Community Colleges.

Tom O'Brien
Treasurer

The Texas Innovative Adult Career Education (ACE) grant was initiated through the work of COPS/Metro, and the Network of Texas IAF Organizations. State Representative Mike Villarreal, State Senator Leticia Van de Putte and others supported this initiative which passed with strong bipartisan support. The purpose of the ACE fund is to support workforce and economic development efforts throughout Texas.

Deborah Becht

Don Beeler

Dianna Burns-Banks, MD

Sister Gabriella Lohan, Chair of the QUEST Board, stated, "The organization is excited about this grant. The ACE Grant Program funds will be used to prepare low-income students to enter careers in high demand, family wage occupations, such as Health Care, Information Technology, and Manufacturing. Participants will enter into careers that will support their families."

Ramiro Cavazos

Hector E. Garcia

Crystal Kohanke

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Father Francisco Macias

QUEST was created in 1992 through collaboration between San Antonio business leaders, COPS/Metro, the City of San Antonio, and the State of Texas. The mission of Project QUEST, Inc. is to strengthen the economy by providing expert support and resources to develop a pipeline of highly qualified employees for in-demand occupations that offer a living wage, benefits and a career path.

Mike Phillips

Tom Frost
Chairman Emeritus

Executive Director

Sister Pearl Ceasar, CDP

Over its 22 year history, QUEST has prepared over 5,600 adults for the local workforce. Participants enter the program making an average \$10,000 a year and graduate making an average of \$39,000 a year. Within the first five years of graduation, every \$1 spent on a QUEST participant has the return on investment of \$15 for the community.

The Network of Texas IAF Organizations is a statewide coalition of organizations like COPS/Metro who create new capacity in a community for leadership development, citizen-led action and relationships across the lines that often divide our communities.

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