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2009 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES FOR THE BORDER AND BEYOND “HOSTED BY THE CITY OF DEL RIO”

October 8, 2009

“Partnering for a Better Tomorrow!!”

Speakers will include experts from key governmental agencies that will address challenges and opportunities regarding economic and community development. Grant, loan, stimulus, and energy efficiency program funding, along with strategies and technical assistance will be presented. Attending this unique conference, bringing all of these groups together, will allow for valuable time to network with each of these agencies in one location.

Location: Del Rio Civic Center, Red Oak Ball Room, 1915 Veterans Boulevard, Del Rio, TX

- 8:00 am – 8:30 am **Registration**
- 8:30 am – 9:00 am **Introduction, Frances Rodriguez**, City Manager, City of Del Rio
Welcome Remarks, The Honorable **Efrain Valdez**, Mayor City of Del Rio
Leodoro Martinez, Executive Director, Middle Rio Grande Development Council
- 9:00 am – 9:30 am **Richard Lopez**, Field Office Director, San Antonio HUD Office, United States Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD)
- 9:30 am – 10:00 am **Bruce Crawford**, Marketing Team, Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)
- 10:00 am – 10:30 am **Break (NETWORKING OPPORTUNITY)**
- 10:30 am – 11:00 am **Genora Young**, Director, Texas Department of Rural Affairs (TDRA)
- 11:00 am – 11:30 am **Richard Grams**, Area Director, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)
- 11:30 am – 12:00 pm **Karl Young**, Finance Program Coordinator, Texas Capital Fund/Rural Community Marketing Grant Opportunities (TDA/TCF)
- 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm **Lunch Host: AEP Texas**
Introduction: Chandra Eggemeyer, Economic Development Specialist, Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA)
Guest Speaker: James Beauchamp, President, Midland-Odessa Transportation Alliance
- 1:00 pm – 1:30 pm **Fernando Escarcega**, Project Development Officer, North American Development Bank (NADBANK)
- 1:30 pm – 2:00 pm **Robert Wood**, Director of Local Government Assistance & Economic Development, Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts (TCPA)
- 2:00 pm – 2:30 pm **Billy Berny**, Manager, Energy Efficiency Programs, AEP Texas
- 2:30 pm – 3:00 pm **Conference Wrap-up and Network Opportunity**

Event planning committee: E. Ray Covey, Debbie Goodman and Tony Arce – AEP Texas
Chandra Eggemeyer – Texas Department of Agriculture/REDD
Mario Chavez – Middle Rio Grande Development Council

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