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NALEO Educational Fund Convenes Latino Policymakers in San Antonio for Policy Institute on the Future of Our Nation's Infrastructure

Nearly 50 Latino policymakers from across the country will tackle pressing issues related to the nation's infrastructure, including innovative funding models and cybersecurity

Washington, D.C. – The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund, the nation's preeminent Latino leadership organization, will convene more than 40 Latino state legislators, county and municipal officials, and school board members from across the country in San Antonio, Texas to discuss strategies for ensuring that future generations of Americans have a modern, efficient, and secure infrastructure system that will allow our nation to remain competitive in a global market.

The NALEO Educational Fund's *National Policy Institute on the Future of Our Nation's Infrastructure*, the second and final in its series, will take place November 20-21, 2015, at the Hotel Contessa. During the two-day event, Latino policymakers will have an opportunity to enhance their understanding of the various challenges and opportunities policymakers should consider as they pursue investing in our country's future.

The curriculum for this *Institute* is designed to build upon the knowledge acquired by participants who attended the first convening in Dallas, Texas in September 2014. *Institute* participants will have an opportunity to engage with national, regional and industry experts who will address the challenges facing our nation's aging infrastructure; different models for funding infrastructure and capital projects; and explore innovative approaches and best practices being developed and utilized to modernize America's infrastructure.

The *Institute's* curriculum will cover:

- An Update on the State of Our Nation's Infrastructure
- A Look at the Federal Transportation Bill
- Transportation, Utility and Energy Infrastructure
- Cybersecurity Issues Relating to Infrastructure
- Capital Planning and Budgeting & Various Models for Funding Capital Projects

Speakers at this year's *Institute* include **Transportation for America** Policy Director Joe McAndrew, **Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority** Deputy Executive Director Mario Espinoza, **American Society of Civil Engineers** Senior Managing Director Charles "Casey"

Dinges, **Darktrace** Executive Vice President Dr. Jeff Cornelius, and **Cabrera Capital Markets, LLC**, Head of Public Finance Managing Director Carlos Sharpless.

This event is made possible through the generous support of Title Sponsor, State Farm[®]. A full schedule and list of speakers is available on the NALEO Educational Fund website at www.naleo.org/2015-sanantonio2.

What: *NALEO National Policy Institute on the Future of Our Nation's Infrastructure*

When: November 20-21, 2015

Where: Hotel Contessa
Contessa Ballroom B, Second Level
306 W. Market Street
San Antonio, TX 78205

Media: **This event is open to media. Advance registration is required.**

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About NALEO Educational Fund

NALEO Educational Fund is the nation's leading non-partisan, non-profit organization that facilitates the full participation of Latinos in the American political process, from citizenship to public service.