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## **NALEO Educational Fund Convenes Latino Policymakers in San Antonio for Policy Institute on STEM and Career Technical Training**

*Two-day event to feature tour of best practices programs at Harlandale STEM Early College High School and Alamo Colleges – Workforce Center of Excellence*

**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 50 Latino state legislators, municipal officials, school board members, and higher education trustees from across the country in San Antonio, Texas to discuss and develop strategic collaborations for addressing the challenges and opportunities around STEM and workforce issues.

The *NALEO National Policy Institute on the Role of STEM & Career Technical Education in Addressing America’s Skilled Worker Shortage* 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 how they can play a leadership role in promoting and working to embed a STEM culture in the education and workforce continuum in their own communities.

At the *Institute*, participants will discuss and develop strategic collaborations for addressing the challenges and opportunities around STEM and workforce issues. Throughout the event, policymakers will receive information on the latest research, studies and best practices; exchange legislative policies and ideas; strengthen governance skills that support effective leadership; and have the opportunity to network with colleagues and experts from throughout the country.

In order to support the leadership role of Latino policymakers in STEM, the *Institute’s* curriculum will cover:

- Developing a New Blueprint to Address the Economic Prosperity of our Nation
- Defining the Needs of the Current and Future Workforce
- Next Generation Science Standards and College Readiness
- Igniting Student Engagement in STEM
- The Role of Apprenticeships
- Addressing the Needs of a Diverse and Changing Workforce

Latino policymakers will also have the opportunity to visit Harlandale STEM Early College High School and the Advanced Manufacturing Technology Program of Alamo Colleges – Workforce Center of Excellence to get a first-hand look at two groundbreaking programs in San Antonio that are paving the way in STEM and career technical training education.

Speakers at this year's *Institute* will include **National Math + Science Initiative (NMSI)** State & Federal Programs Vice President Marcus Lingenfelter, **The Manufacturing Institute** Vice President of Strategic Initiatives Gardner Carrick, **Education Commission of the States** High School and STEM Director Jennifer Dounay Zinth, **E3 Alliance** Director of Research Studies, Dr. Amy Wiseman, and **Migration Policy Center** National Center on Immigrant Integration Policy Director Margie McHugh.

This event is made possible through the generous support of Title Sponsor, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. A full schedule and list of speakers is available on the NALEO Educational Fund website at [www.naleo.org/2015-sanantonio](http://www.naleo.org/2015-sanantonio).

**What:** *NALEO National Policy Institute on the Role of STEM & Career Technical Education in Addressing America's Skilled Worker Shortage*

**When:** November 20-21, 2015

**Where:** Hotel Contessa  
Contessa Ballroom A, 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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*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.*