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TAMACC to Host Statewide Women of Distinction Luncheon
12 Latinas from Across Texas to be Honored

AUSTIN, TEXAS — May 8, 2013 — The Texas Association of Mexican American Chambers of Commerce (TAMACC) will honor female business and community leaders at its second annual Women of Distinction Awards luncheon from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM Friday, May 17, 2013 in Austin.

Twelve Latinas will be recognized for their professional accomplishments and community contributions. “TAMACC recognizes that Texas has one of the largest numbers of Hispanic women-owned businesses in the United States at approximately 140,000 and is continuing to grow,” said Ben Mendez, TAMACC Board Chair. “But it is important to recognize the Latinas who are making great contributions in their professions and communities.”

The 2013 Women of Distinction are:

- Anna Arredondo Chapman – Deputy City Secretary, City of Del Rio, Del Rio
- Rebecca Contreras – President and CEO, AvantGarde and Company, Founder of LaunchPad The Center for Hope and Building Dreams, Round Rock
- Carmen Garcia – Outreach Director, Dallas Area Rapid Transit, Dallas
- Eva M. Guzman, Justice, Supreme Court of Texas, Austin
- Dolores “Dee” Leal, Consultant/Instructor/Trainer, D & E Consulting & Training, Houston
- Diana M. Maldonado, Senior Advisor, Heartland Solutions Group, Austin
- Linda Matcheski, Executive Assistant and Liaison for the Board of Directors, TDECU-Your Credit Union, Lake Jackson
- Yesenia Violeta Mercado, Office Manager, Insurance Agency Mall PC, Killeen
- Rose M. Ramirez, Program Director, Silver Ribbon Community Partners, McAllen
- Martha Rochford, Area Business Banking President, Wells Fargo, El Paso
- Yahaira Rodriguez, Consultant/Life Coach, Life Coaching to Succeed, Austin
- Angela Valenzuela, Ph.D., Professor, The University of Texas, Austin

The Honorable Gisela D. Triana, Judge, 200th District Court in Travis County is the Mistress of Ceremonies.

The luncheon will be at the Four Seasons Hotel, 98 San Jacinto Boulevard in Austin. For detailed information on the honorees and tickets, please visit www.TAMACC.org or telephone (512) 444-5727.

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