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San Antonio's Minority Business Advocates Designate October 23-27 as Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week

(San Antonio) – UTSA's Institute for Economic Development Minority Business Enterprise Center (MBEC), the Commerce Department's district office, the Small Business Administration (SBA), and a consortium of San Antonio public and private entities dedicated to minority business success, will host a series of workshops, mixers and a luncheon to celebrate the 23rd Annual San Antonio Minority Enterprise Development (MED) week, October 23-27, 2006.

MED Week events, which are planned at the national, regional and local levels, provide support and recognize contributions that minority-owned businesses make in their respective communities. There are more than 40,000 minority business owners in the San Antonio area.

The theme for MED Week 2006 is *Mastering the Supply Chain*. Events that will help minority entrepreneurs identify opportunities in the supply chain, build mutually beneficial relationships between suppliers and buyers, and adapt the supply chain processes to their business needs in order to grow, remain competitive in the marketplace, and forge effective business partnerships have been scheduled.

The MED Week Honoree Awards luncheon on Thursday, October 26 at 11:30 a.m. at the Norris Conference Center at Crossroads Mall will recognize and honor the achievements of nine individuals who are this year's award-winning minority entrepreneurs and business advocates.

For more information about MED week events or to register for the luncheon, please call UTSA's Institute for Economic Development Minority Business Enterprise Center coordinator, Vanessa Silva at (210) 458-2480 or go online <http://www.medweeksa.com/>