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Key Congressional Leaders to Speak at This Year's Economic Summit and Business Procurement Event in Washington, D.C.

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 19, 2010 – The Latino Coalition (TLC) announces its preliminary line-up of confirmed Congressional leaders who will speak at TLC's Annual Economic Summit and Business Procurement Event, May 4-5 at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel in Washington, D.C. "Having a bipartisan agenda is a testament to The Latino Coalition's ongoing mission to inform and educate our members on key legislation pending on Capitol Hill," said Hector V. Barreto, TLC's Chairman and Former Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration (2001-2006).

This year's roster will include Republican Minority Whip Eric I. Cantor, Congressman Joe Baca (D-CA), Congressman Mike Pence (R-IN), Congressman Xavier Becerra (D-CA), and Congressman Pete Sessions (R-TX).

Republican Minority Whip Eric I. Cantor represents the Seventh District of Virginia. He won re-election to Congress in November 2008, and holds a seat on the powerful House Ways and Means Committee.

Congressman Joe Baca represents the 43rd District of California. He serves on agricultural, financial services and natural resources committees, and led the Congressional Hispanic Caucus during the 110th Congress (2007-2008).

Congressman Mike Pence represents the 6th District of Indiana. He was most recently elected to a fifth term in Congress in November 2008, and was simultaneously and unanimously elected by House Republicans to serve as House Republican Conference Chairman.

Congressman Xavier Becerra represents the 31st District of California. He serves as Vice Chair of the House Democratic Caucus and is a Senior Member of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee.

Congressman Pete Sessions represents the 32nd District of Texas. He serves as a Member of the powerful House Committee on Rules and in 2008 was elected by the House Republican Conference as Chairman of the National Republican Congressional Committee.

These elected officials will address the current issues facing small and medium-sized Latino business owners across the nation today. In addition to these speakers, The Latino Coalition will provide business matchmaking and procurement sessions as substantive tools for Latino entrepreneurs in attendance at the two-day summit. "Nothing could be more important than creating a marketplace for small business owners to have access to real opportunity and contracts – this is where the rubber hits the road," added Barreto.

For details on how to register for The Latino Coalition's Washington, D.C., procurement event, visit:
www.TheLatinoCoalition.com

About the Latino Coalition

The Latino Coalition (TLC) was founded in 1995 by a group of Hispanic business owners from across the country to research and develop policies relevant to Latinos. TLC is a non-profit nationwide organization based in CA, with offices in Washington, DC and Guadalajara, Mexico. TLC was established to address policy issues that directly affect the well-being of Hispanics in the United States. TLC's agenda is to develop initiatives and partnerships that will foster economic equivalency and enhance overall business, economic and social development of Latinos. Visit: www.thelatinocoalition.com

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