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**“Teachers in East Los Angeles  
at the Heart of the STEM Solution.”**

The time has arrived for HENAAC and AMAE (Association of Mexican-American Educators) to begin the dialogue that will develop an Action Agenda to grow America’s Hispanic Technical Workforce. If the nation’s fastest growing population produces an ample supply of topnotch scientists, engineers and technicians, the outlook for the U.S. national competitiveness will remain bright. The stakes have never been higher, not just for the Hispanic population but for the U.S. innovation enterprise as a whole. Too often the Hispanic community is viewed as a major contributor to the problems afflicting our nation. But the leadership must come from within our community itself and HENAAC and AMAE are at the right place, at the right time to lead.

HENAAC and AMAE will facilitate a teacher training on February 10, 2007 at Hollenbeck Middle School in Los Angeles. This training will consist of a series of workshops that will expose LAUSD teachers to the current STEM crisis in the nation. The end result will be forging action plans that will mitigate the current status. Among the confirmed speakers are Monica Garcia, Los Angeles Unified School District Board Member and Dr. H. Keith Moo-Young, Dean of the College of Engineering, Computer Science and Technology at California State University, Los Angeles. Also participating as guest speakers are 2006 HENAAC Award Winners Ramon Coronel, Six Sigma Black Belt from Northrop Grumman and John Santos, Lead Teacher ISTA from Manual Arts High School

By leading this call to action HENAAC and AMAE become a contributor to the solution. Taking a leadership role to address the national imperative is consistent with AMAE and HENAAC’s missions.

**HENAAC Mission Statement:** To enlighten our nation about the achievements of Hispanics in engineering, science, technology, and math; to motivate and educate more students to pursue careers in these fields; to increase the role the Hispanic community plays in maintaining America’s status as the world’s technology leader.

For more information about the HENAAC/AMAE training please call our office at (323) 262-0997, or visit our web site at [www.henaac.org](http://www.henaac.org).