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**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and HENAAC
Sign Historic Partnering Agreement**

San Diego, CA. HENAAC and The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) are proud to announce the signing of a historic partnering agreement which will take place Monday, August 07, 2006 in a private ceremony to be held this evening at the Doubletree Hotel Mission Valley in San Diego, California.

HENAAC Chairman Ray Mellado and Lieutenant General Carl A. Strock, will be signing this agreement to commemorate the two organizations continued partnership in their mutual goal of producing world class diverse talent in engineering, math and technology.

The purpose of this agreement is to commit both HENAAC and the USACE organizations to a mutual vision and coordinated effort to enhance opportunities for Hispanics in the fields of engineering, mathematics and technology. The USACE and HENAAC recognize that a workforce comprised of diverse, high-performing individuals, with valuable talents and strengths, is critical to providing excellent services to all our customers, especially Soldiers and their families.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and HENAAC have been partners since 1989 and will continue this partnership in both the Conference as well as through HENAAC's Viva Technology Program.

HENAAC's 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.

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