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Newly Elected Latino Officials Head to Nation's Capital for NALEO "Bootcamp" Training

*Three-and-a-half-day institute will prepare nearly 70 Latino elected officials
from across the country with the skills needed to serve in public office*

*Participants to include the first Latinos elected to serve as Secretary of State in
California and Rhode Island*

Washington, D.C. - The National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Educational Fund will convene nearly 70 newly elected Latino state legislators, county and municipal officials, and education policymakers from across the country for the group's *10th Biennial NALEO National Institute for Newly Elected Officials* in Washington, D.C.

"We were proud to see Latino candidates make history in Election 2014," stated Arturo Vargas, executive director of NALEO Educational Fund. "As leaders on the front lines of their communities, Latino elected officials play a crucial role in our democracy by addressing the pressing issues that affect the day-to-day lives of millions of Americans. This institute will help ensure our nation's newly elected Latino officials have the skills and information needed to thrive from their first day on the job."

The *Institute*, held at the Capital Hilton November 20-23, 2014, is an intensive training seminar designed to help newly elected Latino officials acquire the tools and information necessary to move their communities forward. The three-and-a-half day "bootcamp" will offer a comprehensive introduction to public service, with seminars addressing budgeting, staffing, policymaking, and other key governance issues. Participants will be grouped by level of office and join experts and other elected officials from all levels of government for this unique, non-partisan skills development and training program in the nation's capital.

Several Latino candidates who made history in Election 2014 will be in attendance, including: **NALEO President Alex Padilla**, the first Latino elected to serve as Secretary of State in California, **Nellie Gorbea**, the first Latino elected to serve as Secretary of State in Rhode Island and statewide office in New England, **Victoria Seaman**, the first Latina Republican elected to serve in the Nevada State Assembly, and **NALEO Educational Fund Chair Pauline Medrano**, the first Latina elected to serve as Dallas County Treasurer. Additional speakers may be announced in the coming days.

According to research on Latino representation conducted prior to Election Day for the *2014 NALEO Directory of Latino Elected Officials*, 6,100 Latinos currently serve in elected office nationwide. This is up from the 4,853 Latino elected officials who held office in 2004, demonstrating the progress Latinos continue to make in finding success as candidates.

The event is made possible through the generous support of Title Sponsor, State Farm®, the Corporate Convener of the *10th Biennial NALEO National Institute for Newly Elected Officials*.

For additional information, please visit the NALEO Educational Fund website at http://www.naleo.org/institutes/newlyelected/. A full agenda is available here.

What:
10th Biennial NALEO National Institute for Newly Elected Officials

When:
November 20-23, 2014

Where:
Capital Hilton
1001 16th St NW
Washington, DC 20036

Media:
Advance registration is required. To register, please contact Amanda Bosquez (abosquez@naleo.org; (202) 546-2536 ext. 12) or Paula Valle Castanon (pvalle@naleo.org; (323) 253-6431).

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About NALEO Educational Fund
NALEO Educational Fund is the nation's leading non-profit organization that facilitates the full participation of Latinos in the American political process, from citizenship to public service.