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TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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SUBJECT: REGIONAL HISPANIC INSTITUTE WOMEN OF THE YEAR

Issue

The Regional Hispanic Institute annually celebrates women leaders for their outstanding contribution in community leadership, education, business, government, cultural and economic development. This year Debra Avila, Chief Vendor/Contract Management Officer, is among the Women of the Year honorees.

Background

The recipients of the awards come from various professional fields and are awarded for their impact, influence, and inspiration. In recognition of Debra's professional achievements and contribution to the business community, she is being awarded the Mujer Marcando La Diferencia or Woman Making a Difference.

Debra has brought strong leadership, extraordinary vision and expertise to the Vendor Contract department that is positively impacting the business community. Please join me on congratulating Debra on this distinguished honor.