



Press Release

Texans for Rural Entrepreneurship & Education push forward with their collaborative partners to adopt new programs.

Austin, TX August 13, 2007: Future business owners are used to working by them selves to get their business up and running in South Texas. In the region the resources are few and far between. Texans for Rural Entrepreneurship & Education (TREE) noticed the need for free assistance to help the community grow future business owners and has since put together a strategic plan on how to offer the community that added value.



Pictured: Jose Leal, Owner of Merchants Business Credit; Phillip Rigney, Coordinator of Business Services for Middle Rio Grande Development Council; TBA

On August 3, TREE met to discuss the future entrepreneurship programs that will be available in the 9 county area of the Middle Rio Grande Region. They have partnered with the Middle Rio Grande Workforce, Mid Border Business Network, and Southwest Texas Junior College, and BCL of Texas, a non-profit lender, to put together 3 components to assist entrepreneurs.

The components consist of 5 free business resource centers with computer work stations, free one-on-one counseling from Business Development Officers, and entrepreneurship classes offered in the fall to assist business owners in creating a business plan. These programs will launch in Fall 2007.

To learn more about Texans for Rural Entrepreneurship & Education (TREE) and their programs contact Raquel Valdez, Business Strategy Coordinator at 1-888-385-1975 or visit www.treepartners.org.

About Texans for Rural Entrepreneurship & Education

Texans for Rural Entrepreneurship & Education, established in 2005, is made up of nine non-profit multi county business and community development organizations collaborated to stimulate entrepreneurship in a 45 county South Texas region. Together the partners bring over 105 years of experience serving rural markets and professional support from the lead organization to the collaborative. TREE's mission is to foster entrepreneurship through education, technical resources and capital.

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