

PROJECT QUEST HIGHLIGHTS

January, 1990	Closure of Levi-Strauss clothing manufacturing plant announced
Summer, 1990	COPS/Metro Alliance initial house meetings & job training research
September, 1991	Mayor pledges \$2 million from General Fund; SA Works Board pledges \$2.3 million of JTPA funds
November, 1991	Governor of Texas pledges \$2.5 million from Wagner-Peyser Funds
July, 1992	Project QUEST incorporated by State of Texas
October, 1992	Outreach teams trained and begin recruitment
January, 1993	First 140 students enrolled in long-term training at community colleges
September, 1993	First Project QUEST graduate - LVN - hired at \$9.50/hr.
October, 1993	Basic Skills Academy established at San Antonio College
March, 1994	574 people enrolled and Mentorship Program begins
June, 1994	First "group" graduates - Financial Customer Service Representatives
December, 1994	PQ selected outstanding organization for human resources contributions by the American Society for Training and Development
February, 1994	Project QUEST selected for <i>Business Facilities</i> magazine's Economic Development Award--nominated by the San Antonio Economic Development Foundation
October, 1995	350 participants placed with an average salary of \$7.82
October, 1995	1995 Innovations in American Government Award - \$100K Grant from the Ford Foundation (Selected by the Ford Foundation and the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University)
December, 1995	Award of HUD Empowerment Zone contract for community training
January, 1996	Financial support from private foundations for funding Project QUEST
February, 1996	Publication of year-long independent evaluation of Project QUEST by Dr. Paul Osterman of the Sloan School of Management at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Summer, 1996	Top results from all monitoring reports, independent audit, and City of San Antonio Department of Community Initiatives
July, 1996	Successful competitive bid for JTPA Contract for Title IIA and Title III programs
July, 1996	Total enrollments exceed 900; 450 participants placed with an average salary of \$7.95