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 Business Facilities 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