

February 2, 2011

To whom it may concern:

Educational Research Institute and its principal, Linda Alaniz, assisted The University of Texas-Pan American (UTPA) College Access and Support Programs (CASP) Department in the development of three grant proposals submitted to the United States Department of Education's Office of TRIO Programs in 2006-2007.

I am happy to confirm that two of those proposals were successfully funded. Following are details of those grant proposals:

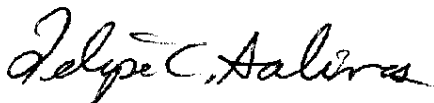
<u>PROGRAM</u>	<u>TOTAL FUNDING</u>	<u>LENGTH</u>	<u>AVERAGE SCORE</u>
Upward Bound	\$2,321,032	4 Years	95.3
UB Math & Science	\$1,000,000	4 Years	94.3
McNair Scholars	Not Funded		91.0

At the time we contracted with ERI, I was serving as Director of CASP, and did not have the services of a full-time grant writer at our disposal at the University.

Throughout the process of working with Ms. Alaniz and her staff, we always found them to be thoroughly professional, accessible, and highly knowledgeable of Federal grant preparation and submission processes.

Should you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at fsalinas1@utpa.edu or 956-457-1539.

Sincerely,



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