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Dr. Hector P. Garcia  
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Dear Dr. Hector,

This is confirm your participation as a panelist at the Immigration Symposium being held in Corpus Christi on September 27 and 28. The Symposium will be at the Bayfront Convention Center located at 1901 North Shoreline Boulevard.

Please be advised that Bishop Rene H. Gracida will welcome the people at approximately 12:30 pm. In addition, Mr. Richard Valls and Mayor Luther Jones will provide a welcome. If you could please be present, we would like to introduce you as part of the Honorary Advisory Board.

You have been scheduled to participate on the panel discussing: Pending Immigration Legislation, Policy Options, Political Realities, Implications for the Future of Texas, the U.S. and Countries South of the Border. In addition, on Saturday, we would like for you to participate on the Neighbor City Panel. This entails participants from Laredo, the Valley, and Corpus Christi discussing local and regional concerns. The moderator for the Neighbor City Project will be Charles Foster, Your panel on Friday begins at 2:15 pm and on Saturday at 10:00 am.

In addition, a luncheon will be held on Saturday, September 28. We would like for you to sit at the head table.

Please be advised that you are invited to a private dinner party at Bishop Gracida's home located at 4109 Ocean Drive. The dinner begins promptly at 7:00 pm.

We are delighted with your support, assistance, and participation.

Sincerely,



Alicia Gallegos-Gómez  
General Chairman

# Quake task force appeals to Texans

Gov. Mark White's task force for providing relief to earthquake-stricken Mexico City hopes Texans will donate more than \$15 million, a task force member said yesterday.

That would be about \$1 per person, said Merle Borchelt, Central Power & Light president and chief executive. Borchelt addressed a press conference here after returning from a task force meeting in Austin.

Donated funds would be deposited in a special account at Austin's Interfirst Bank, said Borchelt. The funds would be transferred daily to a bank in Dallas from which Mexican officials will be able to draw.

Checks should be made payable to "Texas Response," he said. The Interfirst account number is 1214394. The mailing address is P.O. Box 2961, Austin, Texas, 78769.

"The rescue operations are going very well," said Borchelt. "They're doing a first-class job, but they do need some help."

At an Austin news conference announcing the plans, San Antonio Mayor Henry Cisneros, a task force co-chairman, said the effort will not involve state funds and will be voluntary.

"This is not an effort to centralize in any shape or form or to control the spontaneous efforts going on all over the state," Cisneros said. He said besides collecting money, the citizens' group will also help coordinate other efforts, such as matching people with resources and those with transportation.

"There is not going to be anything taken off along the way," said Bob Krueger, the other task force co-chairman and a former U.S. ambassador-at-large to Mexico.

"A dollar given will be a dollar received in Mexico. And it will be overseen by a sort of transparent mechanism by the U.S. Embassy as well. So we're convinced the money will be as well targeted and as well spent as possible in an emergency situation."

Krueger said he found during his visit last weekend that "the spirit of Mexico is very strong."

He said it is important for Texans to remember that the earthquake damage, while severe in some areas, is not widespread. He said tourism and investment from the United States are important to the Mexican economy and should be maintained to help the people recover.

Parts of the country now affected by the earthquake remain prime tourist spots, he said.

Meanwhile, in Corpus Christi, Borchelt was speaking of his own company's involvement in relief efforts in terms of gratitude.

"I thought it was time for CPL and South Texans to return the favor bestowed on us" during previous natural disasters, especially Hurricane Celia in 1970, he said.

To that end, Borchelt distributed a list of equipment and medical supplies requested by the Mexican government. Companies and individuals wishing to cooperate are urged to call 1-512-475-0510.

The list includes the following items:

- 45 60-pound jack hammers, each with 150 feet of hose and fittings.
- 45 air-driven concrete saws, each with 200 feet of hose and a total of 1,500 extra blades.
- 60 of the largest available hand bolt cutters.
- 120 very large heavy wrecking bars and 120

five-foot or larger "pinch bars."

- 2,000 respirators.

Requested by the Mexican Army are: Three gasoline powered concrete saws with 45 extra blades; six 2.5 kilowatt generators; 100 heavy-duty outdoor extension cords; 1,000 large lantern flashlights with 3,000 batteries; a hydraulic hoe ram for a French-made Pingon #14 backhoe and a Yumbo Y-90; poly plastic housing with cots and bedding to house 5,000 people; 10,000 disposable face masks; six portable night lighting systems and power generators capable of lighting 10 outdoor work sites; six portable power winches capable of moving heavy cement.

- Medical supplies: Basic mobile laboratory equipment; a 12-foot operating room, two recovery rooms, two portable intensive care units; field hospitals; ambulances; equipment for repair of instruments and medical equipment; suture material; first-aid kits; incubators; 4½ and 7½-foot stretchers; generators; water distiller and storage unit; water-testing kits; chlorination water kits; blood transfusion type kits and blood separation kits; refrigerated centrifuge; table centrifuge; and photometer.

Also, glass equipment for chemical analysis; binocular microscope; spectrophotometer; refrigeration units for nine cubic units of blood; "Revco" freezing units; Jobst bandages; licra bandages; femur pins and screws; fibular screws; prostheses; wheelchairs; crutches; laryngoscopes; anesthesia units; 20 volume ventilators; 20 pressure breathers; IPPB pressure breathers; respirators; 10 oscilloscopes; cast cutters; bone cutters; X-ray development equipment and film.