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City of Eagle Pass Takes Legislative Priorities to Capitol Hill!

(Washington, DC – May 15, 2017) The City of Eagle Pass, TX, represented by its new City Manager Art Rodriguez and the city's new lobbying firm EMC Strategy Group, LLC, is visiting Washington, DC this week to present its federal legislative priorities.

The legislative trip has been in the works for over a month. The delegation will meet with several senate offices and over a dozen members of congress in an effort to make a pitch for targeted funding aimed and supporting border communities with populations of less than 30,000.

The delegation will meet with U.S. Senator Ted Cruz, Congressman Will Hurd, all members of the Texas Border Caucus, which includes; Congressmen Filemon Vela, Vicente Gonzalez, Henry Cuellar, and Beto O'rouke.

"I am looking forward to meeting with the members of congress to present our case for increased funding for business & economic development, transportation & infrastructure, and public safety," says Eagle Pass City Manager Art Rodriguez. "I applaud Mayor Ramsey English-Cantu and our City Council (Mayor Pro-tem Rudy Villalpando, Council Members Gloria Hernandez, Yolanda Ramon, and Luis Sifuentes) for their support of this important federal legislative outreach, they truly understand the significance and value of taking our case to the steps of the U.S. Congress," adds Rodriguez.

Mr. Rodriguez spent over 31 years working for the U.S. Border Patrol and U.S. Customs, and has firsthand knowledge of the innerworkings of the federal government that will be beneficial as the delegation presents the city's legislative priorities.

EMC's Janice and Ernie Gonzalez both are former congressional staffers. Janice Gonzalez served as the Assistant Chief of Staff to former U.S. Senator Christopher Dodd and Ernie Gonzalez served as a Legislative Aide to former Congressman Solomon P. Ortiz. The team is now serving as the city's consultants for business & economic development and government relations.

"We are right on track on our plan to advance Eagle Pass' federal agenda," says EMC President & CEO Ernie Gonzalez. "We have been on the job for six weeks and we are already in our nation's Capital scheduled to meet with several key committee chairmen and ranking members of the committees tied to the city's priorities," adds Gonzalez.

This is the first time in several years that the City of Eagle Pass has had professional representation in Austin and Washington, DC. The city will also kick-off a collaborative business & economic development initiative, which is tied to the city's state and federal government outreach later this month. For more information, please contact ernie.gonzalez@emcstrategygroup.com or call 210.960.4340, ext. 101.

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