

The National Hispana Leadership Institute, the Country's™ Premier Organization Addressing Latina Leadership, Announces Plans to Hold Most Prestigious Annual Gathering for Latinas in Miami, Hundreds of Leaders Will Convene at Upcoming Conference

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Washington, DC – The National Hispana Leadership Institute (NHLI), the nation's premier organization for Latinas, will unveil details to celebrate its 2010 Executive Leadership Training Conference and *Mujer Awards* to be held on November 4-5 at the Hyatt Regency Miami, Miami, Florida.

Co-founded by Miami's own Maria Elena Toraño, Board Chair Emeritus, NHLI is the premier executive leadership organization preparing Latinas for positions of national and international influence, public policy impact and to contribute to the advancement of the Hispanic community.

Going on its tenth year, the Executive Leadership Training Conference and *Mujer Awards* provides cutting-edge leadership and professional development, networking, educational and inspirational keynotes and workshops facilitated by top-level Latinas from across the country.

At the *Mujer Awards* Gala, celebrated since 1993, NHLI will close the conference by paying tribute to the achievements and contributions of exceptional Latina leaders. Past honorees have included journalist Cristina Saralegui, actresses Rosario Dawson and Eva Longoria. [Click here](#) to learn about past honorees.

WHAT & WHO? Unveiling of NHLI's Annual Conference featuring the Honorable Tomás P. Regalado, Mayor of the City of Miami, distinguished South Florida and NHLI leaders including Conference Co-Chairs Maria Elena Toraño and Adriana Commellas-Macretti, NHLI 2003 Fellow and board member. [Click here](#) to learn about Conference Host and Planning Committee Members.

WHEN? Tuesday, May 18, 2010 at 6 p.m. **WHERE?** City Hall, 3500 Pan American Drive, Coconut Grove, Miami Florida

HOW? RSVPs are required for media wishing to attend the announcement event at 6 pm. You may RSVP by sending an e-mail to Cheryl Aguilar, NHLI's Communications Manager, to cheryl@nhli.org or to Aida Levitan, Ph.D. President, The Levitan Group, at alevitan@bellsouth.net. For more information call 703-527-6007, ext 16. Or 202-360-7867 (cell). Media availability with Honorable Mayor Tomás Regalado, NHLI's President Cristina López and Co-Founder Maria Elena Toraño upon request from 5:30 pm to 6 pm on May 18 at City Hall.

WHY? While 50.8% of employed women in the US hold managerial and professional positions only 3.6% of those positions are held by Latinas. Education/professional development, role models and mentors, and networking are key elements to increasing the pool of professional Latinas.

Developing and investing in women has the biggest payoff for a community; this has been repeatedly proven around the world. The conference provides Latinas tools to be stronger leaders so that their families, communities and the country benefit. In these economic times, the conference provides Latinas training and networking opportunities that can help them advance their careers; inspiration to make that next change in their career lives, and the opportunity to network with other Latina leaders from across the nation. Attendees leave the conference with the skills to be more effective executives, educators, public servants, mentors and community advocates.

Through its award-winning programs and renowned leadership and professional development conferences, the National Hispana Leadership Institute is addressing the scarcity of Latinas in the leadership pipeline in the private and public sectors.

Founded in 1987 to address the disparity of representation of Latinas in leadership positions, NHLI's mission is to develop Hispanas as ethical leaders through training, professional development, relationship building and community activism. NHLI has developed thousands of Latina Leaders who have gone on to become elected officials, corporate executives, entrepreneurs, executives at non-profits and powerful decision makers.

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*** Media Availability: Conference Spokespersons and Conference Kick-off Host, the Honorable Mayor of the City of Miami Available for Interviews***