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## HISPANICS IN CONSTRUCTION AND DESIGN DEMAND TO BE PART OF NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE BILL DISCUSSIONS

*A commitment to a more inclusive, prosperous nation needs to include the fastest growing community.*

With the new Biden Administration taking over the Presidency on Wednesday, Jan 20, 2021, a national coalition of Hispanic owned design and construction firms seeks to be part of the conversation of an upcoming Infrastructure Bill.

Inspired by soon to be President Biden's commitment to a more diverse Cabinet, this historic coalition of regional Hispanic construction industry associations representing over 5,000 of Latino-owned design, construction, commercial contracting and construction related businesses have come together for the first time to offer our expertise and advice to the Biden Administration.

These organizations and its members have been the beneficiaries of minority and disadvantaged-owned business programs and would like to share their perspectives and ideas for strengthening and modernizing them, especially within the Department of Transportation, the Small Business Administration and the Department of Defense and Department of Commerce and such agencies/government organizations involved in construction services and capital improvement projects.

A national infrastructure bill or discussions would be a key strategy to bring the country together, increase employment opportunities in the Hispanic community. "Clearly, contracting opportunities will be expanded at all levels of government," stated Jorge Perez, Executive Director of HACIA. He added "Our community continues to grow and we know that what we do today affects our Hispanic community in the future".

The coalition appreciates the chance to connect with appropriate officials as the work of building America back better begins with the Biden Administration.

### Coalition Members include

Jorge Perez Executive Director HACIA	John Martinez President Texas RHCA	Jose Suerio Managing Director Metro DC Hispanic Contractor Association	Ricardo Carlo Executive Director Associated Minority Contractor of Arizona
Paul Rodriguez Board Member HCA Kansas City	Al Solis Board Chair LA HCA	Lissette Velez Executive Director Hispanic Contractors Association of the Carolinas	Alexis Pena Board Member NY Hispanics Real Estate and Construction Association