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Well-respected Economist Joins LAEDC Economic Research Group Roster

Prior to joining the LAEDC, Eduardo Martinez worked at the U.S. Department of State in Washington DC, where he was an international economist, Office of Economic Policy & Summit Coordination, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs.

Los Angeles - The Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC) announced today (August 21, 2006) the addition of Economist Eduardo Martinez to their staff.

Prior to joining the LAEDC, Martinez worked at the US Department of State in Washington, DC where he was an international economist, Office of Economic Policy & Summit Coordination, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs. Prior to that, Martinez worked at the US Department of Labor, also in Washington, DC, as an economist/industry analyst in the International Price Program. Additionally, Martinez worked for the Texas Department of Economic Development where he was a research analyst.

“Martinez was a research intern at the LAEDC from September 1997 to June 1998, so it’s a homecoming of sorts,” said senior vice president and Chief Economist Jack Kyser, LAEDC. “He was one of our best interns and economists in training.”

Martinez holds a Bachelor of Arts in international business from Cal State Fullerton and a Masters degree in economics from Cal State Long Beach. He is fluent in Spanish and will take on added duties of representing LAEDC in its outreach to the local Spanish language media.

About LAEDC

The **Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC)**, the region’s premier business leadership organization, is a private, non-profit, public benefit organization established in 1981. Our mission is to attract, retain, and grow business and jobs in Los Angeles County. Since 1996, the LAEDC has helped retain or create more than 122,680 jobs, providing \$5.6 billion in annual economic impact from salaries and \$109 million in annual tax revenue benefit to Los Angeles County. For more information, please visit www.laedc.org.

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