

## **STEER Announces New President and CEO Omar Garcia**

*Former Vice President of SAEDF joins new South Texas association*

San Antonio, TX – October 26, 2012 – The South Texas Energy and Economic Roundtable (STEER), a new oil & gas association formed to serve as an industry liaison in the Eagle Ford Shale, today announced the appointment of Omar Garcia as its president and chief executive officer. Garcia brings more than 10 years of economic and business development experience to the position, most recently serving as vice president of the San Antonio Economic Development Foundation (SAEDF).

“We welcome Omar’s experience and leadership to his new role as president and CEO of STEER,” said Hugo Gutierrez, Manager for State Government Relations for Marathon Oil Company and Chairman STEER. “He will be responsible for helping address important oil & gas industry issues in the Eagle Ford Shale and South Texas. His knowledge of the region and ability to think strategically will aid in the development of the play, while also keeping the common interests of operators and communities at the forefront.”

“This is a critical time for the industry in South Texas, so I’m excited to be working with the STEER organization,” said Garcia. “Together we will help address topics associated with oil & gas development in the Eagle Ford Shale. By communicating with stakeholders in the region, STEER will be sure to offer its expertise and be involved at the root level on a variety of issues.”

As Vice President of SAEDF, Omar Garcia was responsible for recruiting and retaining new business and international initiatives. Garcia has more than 10 years of economic development experience working for the Governor’s Office, TIP Strategies, Corpus Christi Regional Economic Development, and City of San Antonio Economic Development Department.

Mr. Garcia is a certified economic development finance professional through the National Development Council. He is a graduate of St. Edwards University, with a major in international business & Spanish. Governor Perry recently appointed Garcia to the Texas Economic Development Corporation.