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**State Auditor Hector Balderas To Give Opening Remarks at the
National Association of Latino Elected Officials' National Congressional Luncheon**

(Santa Fe, NM)—On Saturday, June 25, 2011, State Auditor Hector Balderas will give opening remarks at the National Association of Latino Elected Official's (NALEO) National Congressional Luncheon held in San Antonio, Texas. Balderas will share the stage with Ken Salazar, U.S. Secretary of the Interior; U.S. Representative Charles Gonzalez, Chair of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus; and U.S. Representative Francisco "Quico" Conseco, who are also scheduled to speak at the luncheon. The luncheon is part of NALEO's 28th Annual Conference, for which the theme is "Leading for a Stronger America."

"From job creation to education, Latinos are deeply impacted by the challenges facing our state and nation," Balderas said. "It's an honor to participate in the NALEO National Congressional Luncheon and address these important issues with our country's top leaders."

Balderas was elected as New Mexico's State Auditor in 2006 and reelected in 2010. At the time of his election in 2006, Balderas became the youngest Hispanic statewide elected official in the country. As State Auditor, Balderas has established a strong record of combating fraud, waste and abuse in government agencies across New Mexico. Last year, Balderas was the 2010 recipient of the John F. Kennedy New Frontier Award. The New Frontier Awards are presented annually by the John F. Kennedy Library Foundation and the Institute of Politics at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government to exceptional young Americans under the age of 40 whose contributions in elective office, community service or advocacy demonstrate the impact and value of public service in the spirit of John F. Kennedy.

In his capacity as State Auditor, Balderas also serves as Treasurer of NALEO's National Education Fund (NEF). The NEF is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization whose stated mission is to facilitate the full participation of Latinos in the American political process, from citizenship to public service.

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