



**COMMUNITY MENTOR-PROTÉGÉ INITIATIVE**

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*Promoting sustainable initiatives which will increase and foster diverse relationships; adding value to our Austin Community; and to those communities throughout the State of Texas.*

**MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN**

For over 10 years we have participated in the CMPI story. People coming together who had not worked together before, focusing on working together to create and take action to meet a challenge; increasing the opportunity for small, minority, and women owned businesses in the building of schools and other local projects, and improving the economic well-being of our community. Our story is unique.... our relationships, our diversity, our work and work places (private and public), and our time together. Today there are many challenges that we as a community must face. These include: education and healthcare reform; creating a skilled workforce to meet local demands and those of a global economy, transportation and others.

As individuals and a community we have a choice. To wait for others to give us the solutions OR We, as a community, engage with one another despite our differences, create solutions and take action to implement and improve. It is clear that when we wait for others to create and give us solutions (Federal and State government as examples) we do not discover and engage the energy and meaningful results that are available to us when we the people, in community, take on the challenges ourselves, together. Each one of us has value and can be part of serving our common good. What is good for us as a community is good for each of us. Be encouraged to find a way to serve your community knowing that in the long run you are serving your own best interest.

Sincerely yours, Steve Swanson

Our highlight for this quarter was the CMPI facilitated gathering of several community partners and other interested parties to look at how we as a larger community can address some of these concerns and issues. This group included current and prior Mentors, Protégés, and former Members of the Board of Directors. During this meeting at WorkSource, there was a consensus that there many diverse but yet inter-related areas that lead to concerns over unacceptable rates of student drop outs from high school; and a need for them to have necessary work skills and work ethics to enter the workforce in construction and related trades. Please let us know if you or of an organization that would like to participate to help find solutions

**We are proud to welcome our newest Protégé --- Michael Huerta, with Advanced Wireless Solutions. They have a unique niche in the communications market, and combine wireless technology with security applications for individuals, firms, and construction sites. They also provide new and existing construction voice and data cabling for your office. Please fell free to view their firm at [www.awsolutions.net](http://www.awsolutions.net) , or contact them at 512-233-4638 for specifics or other information Also, Please let us know if you know of a firm that would be interested in being a mentor.**

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**Contact our offices if you have any questions or would like more information.**

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