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**BROOKS DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ACCREDITED BY THE
INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**
Designation Optimizes and Enhances Scope of Work at Brooks City-Base

Washington, DC – The International Economic Development Council (IEDC) has recognized the Brooks Development Authority (BDA) as one of twenty-four economic development organizations in the United States, as an “Accredited Economic Development Organization (AEDO).” Brooks Development Authority President & CEO, Donald E. Jakeway, and BDA Board members Darryl Lyons, Ramiro Cavazos, Manny Pelaez-Prada and Dr. Jeffery Kantor were presented this accreditation for the organization on Tuesday, March 23, 2010 by Jeff Finkle, IEDC President & CEO.

The presentation took place at the Library of Congress in Washington, DC during the Greater San Antonio and Hispanic Chamber of Commerce’s Annual San Antonio to DC trip. “The Brooks Development Authority displays the professionalism, commitment, and technical expertise that is deserving of this honor,” said Finkle. He also stated, “that the IEDC was impressed with the uniqueness of the BDA and with the vision of community leaders who have come together to make the effort a success.”

Brooks Development Authority is the owner and operator of Brooks City-Base, a 1,246 acre world-class research and technology center located in San Antonio, TX. The one-of-a-kind City-Base was created in 2000 as a collaborative corporate community designed to encourage future development in southeast San Antonio.

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The BDA offers a variety of creative financial assistance to encourage business attraction and expansion. While the Air Force maintains its presence as a major tenant until September, 2011, Mission Trail Baptist Hospital, DPT Laboratories, Inc., EarthTech, Grubb Engineering, Inc., the City/County Emergency Operations Center and the Brooks Academy of Science and Engineering Charter School represent tenants that are located at Brooks City-Base.

“We are extremely proud to have received such a prestigious honor, particularly at this point in our development as a world class research and development center,” said Jakeway. “We have experienced some incredible momentum with DPT Labs locally on our campus, and more recently the groundbreaking of the Mission Trail Baptist Hospital.”

According to Darryl Lyons, BDA Chairman of the Board, “the AEDO accreditation is a testament to the hard work and energy put forth by the BDA Board of Directors and staff on a daily basis. We are laser focused on the high-tech, research and science opportunities that exist at Brooks City-Base, and the AEDO Accreditation will only enhance those efforts and give us greater national exposure and recognition.”

The AEDO program is a comprehensive peer review process that measures economic development organizations against commonly held standards in the profession. The program consists of two phases: documentation review and an onsite visit. Each phase is designed to evaluate information about the structure, organization, funding, programs, and staff of the candidate economic development organization.

Brooks Development Authority is one of the youngest organizations to receive this elite status. Earning the AEDO accreditation tells the community and business prospects that the Brooks Development Authority has attained the highest measure of excellence assuring that their trust is well-placed in future growth opportunities. Maintenance of the AEDO status is required every three years and is accomplished through additional documentation submission and/or onsite visits by a team of AEDO economic development practitioners.

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