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BiGAUSTIN bolsters new Board Members

AUSTIN, TX—Jeannette Peten, President and Founder of BiGAUSTIN announced additions and changes to the BiGAUSTIN board and advisory committee for 2008, as decided by a meeting held in late 2007.

“Without a doubt, BiGAUSTIN and the small business community will face many interesting challenges and terrific opportunities this year,” Peten said. “We look forward to a productive and successful year, and we welcome our new board and advisory members as they assist and guide us in our important work.”

The following newly elected board members will be joining BiGAUSTIN in its mission to support entrepreneurs on the path to business growth:

Bill McLellan, Founder & Vice Chairman, One Earth Bank

Bill McLellan has been a not-for-profit executive and most recently was the Co-Founder & Vice Chairman of Treaty Oak Bank. He has served as the Executive Director of Lifeworks, the immediate past Chair of Envision Central Texas, and presently served as a board Member of St. David's Hospital, Austin Recovery Center, Mobile Loaves and Fishes and St. Edwards Business Advisory Council. In addition to numerous charitable and business awards, Bill was the 2005 recipient of the Ethics in Business Award.

Dr. Joseph Parker, Senior Pastor of David Chapel Missionary Baptist Church

Pastor Parker has served as the Chief of Litigation for the State Bar of Texas and has taught at Baylor University's George W. Truett Theological Seminary and Advanced Civil Litigation in Trial Advocacy at the University of Texas at Austin School of Law. Pastor Parker has been a board member of Safe Place and currently the Austin Area Urban League.

Glen West, Senior VP Market Development of Guaranty Bank

Glen West led the Austin Chamber of Commerce during a period of economic expansion. Mr. West has served as the Chairman of the Board for the Austin Convention & Visitors Bureau and currently serves on other local, statewide and advisory boards, including The IC2 Institute at the University of Texas at Austin, Texas Association of Business, American Cancer Society, Longhorn Foundation, Austin Longhorn Club and Texas Nature Conservancy.

Beverly Kearney, Head Coach, The University of Texas at Austin

Beverly Kearney has been the Head Coach of the University of Texas Women's Track and Field for fourteen years. Beyond her work as a UT Head Coach, she founded Pursuit of Dreams, a non-profit organization providing intervention resources, motivation, and guidance.

Additionally, **Ricardo Chapa, CEO & President of Libertad Bank** will join BiGAUSTIN's 2008-2009 Advisory Board.

Mr. Chapa has over 28 years of banking experience. Mr. Chapa is very active in the Austin community. His activities include: Past Chairman - Austin Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Board Member - Capitol Area Boy Scouts, St. Edward's University, Downtown Lions Club of Austin, In-Roads Central-Texas mentoring program.

BiGAUSTIN is the leading self-sustainable small business development organization that provides innovative growth strategies to underserved entrepreneurs in Central Texas. BiGAUSTIN offers entrepreneurial education, tailored business counseling and flexible loans for small business owners.

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