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Workforce Solutions Alamo Opens Applications for Workforce Leadership Academy in Collaboration with the Aspen Institute

Webinar for interested applicants to be held January 18, 2023

JANUARY 17, 2023 SAN ANTONIO, TX – Workforce Solutions Alamo announced it has opened applications for the Alamo Region Workforce Leadership Academy, a program designed to support leaders in workforce development committed to the advancement of the local workforce ecosystem. Workforce Solutions Alamo was one of only eight organizations chosen from across the country to deliver an Academy in partnership with the Aspen Institute.

The Workforce Leadership Academy brings leaders – recognized as Fellows of the Academy – from across the local workforce ecosystem together for a year-long series of retreats, workshops, and action learning projects. Fellows work with leading practitioners throughout the country as they deepen networks; strengthen systems leadership skills; apply race, equity, and systems change frameworks to their work; and increase understanding of effective strategies and programs. Alumni of the Academy become part of the Aspen Institute’s Economic Opportunity Fellows Network, joining Fellows from fourteen previous Academies in eleven cities in the US and Canada.

“A high-capacity, responsive, and agile local workforce ecosystem is critical to increasing the chances of sustainable and equitable economic recovery,” said Sheila Maguire, Senior Fellow with the Aspen Institute Economic Opportunities Program. “The Academy provides leaders with the rare opportunity to think and act strategically across siloes to advance outcomes for workers and businesses.”

Fellows will be selected in a competitive application process. Workforce Solutions Alamo and its partners encourage senior-level managers from across the workforce ecosystem of nonprofit organizations, business associations, union-based training efforts, public agencies, and community colleges who have the authority to implement changes to apply.

Applications are available online <https://www.workforcesolutionsalamo.org/aspen-institute/> and open through the deadline of February 24th, 2023, close of business, 5:00 pm CST.

Interested applicants can learn more about the Academy on an informational webinar to be held January 18, 2023. Registration can be found here <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/workforce-leadership-academy-information-session-tickets-513409891807>

“Workforce Solutions Alamo is both honored and proud to partner with the prestigious Aspen Institute through the Workforce Leadership Academy,” said Adrian Lopez, CEO for Workforce Solutions Alamo. “The Academy aligns with our vision to lead the most integrated community workforce ecosystem dedicated to developing innovative and impactful solutions that bridge local employers with qualified, skilled job seekers.”

The Alamo Region Academy will be led by Workforce Solutions Alamo and an Advisory Board that includes:

- Representative Barbara Gervin-Hawkins Texas House of Representatives, District 120
- Manny Pelaez, City of San Antonio Council Member, District 8
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