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**ACCION TEXAS NAMES  
JOE GONZALEZ  
TO ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**SAN ANTONIO** – Accion Texas Inc., the nation’s largest microlender, has named Bank of America’s Joe Gonzalez to its board of directors.

Gonzalez brings more than 20 years’ experience in banking and finance, customer service and government to Accion’s board. Gonzalez currently is the vice president of small business banking for Bank of America in the Corpus Christi area, a position he has held since March of 2012. Gonzalez is responsible for growing the profitability of the small business unit and leads efforts to acquire new small business accounts and deepen existing relationships.

Prior to Bank of America, Gonzalez was a financial consultant with J&K Financial Consulting. He advised and assisted commercial businesses in developing strategic financing, concentrating on commercial real estate development, refurbishment and loan modification.

Previously, Gonzalez spent 10 years with several financial institutions including Eagle Bank, Washington Mutual Bank, Ironstone Bank and Wells Fargo. He also served as a legislative aide for State Representative Eddie Cavazos. He earned his bachelor of liberal studies degree from St. Edward’s University in Austin, Texas.

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**About Accion Texas Inc.**

Established in 1994 in San Antonio as a nonprofit organization, Accion Texas Inc.'s financial and business-support services help entrepreneurs strengthen their businesses, stabilize and increase their incomes, create employment and contribute to the economic revitalization of their communities. Accion has the nation's largest microlender portfolio and is committed to providing capital to entrepreneurs who do not have access to loans from commercial sources.

Accion Texas opened in Corpus Christi in 2004 and in that time has made nearly 600 loans totaling more than \$8.4 million, enabling area entrepreneurs to create and sustain hundreds of jobs.

Overall, since its inception, Accion Texas has made more than 14,000 loans totaling more than \$152 million and now operates in eight states – Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Tennessee and Texas. For more information, visit [www.accionalabama.org](http://www.accionalabama.org) or call 1-888-215-2373.

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