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**JANIE BARRERA REAPPOINTED TO THE BOARD OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE  
BANK OF DALLAS' SAN ANTONIO BRANCH**

SAN ANTONIO—Accion Texas Inc. –the nation’s largest microlender –announces the reappointment of Janie Barrera, President and CEO of Accion Texas Inc., to the board of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas’ San Antonio Branch. She has served on the board since 2012. Barrera’s three-year term is set to begin on January 1, 2015.

The San Antonio Branch board consists of seven members, four appointed by the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas and three by the Federal Reserve Board of Governors in Washington, D.C. In her role as a board member, Barrera will provide input into regional economic conditions as part of the Federal Reserve’s monetary policy functions. She has also served on the Federal Reserve Board’s Consumer Advisory Council.

Barrera is the founder of Accion Texas Inc., a nonprofit organization that provides small loans and business education to small businesses in a total of eight states.

Prior to establishing Accion Texas, Barrera was marketing division chief for the U.S. Air Force’s Morale, Welfare, Recreation and Services Agency.

Barrera has received numerous honors, including the San Antonio Business Journal 2013 Legacy Leaders Award, American Banker Innovator Award, Presidential Award for Excellence in Microenterprise Development, San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Economic Empowerment Award, San Antonio Women’s Hall of Fame and the Small Business Administration Financial Services Advocate of the Year.

She is a graduate of Texas A&M University–Corpus Christi and University of the Incarnate Word.

**About Accion Texas Inc.**

Established in 1994 in San Antonio, 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 Texas Inc. 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. Since its inception, Accion has made nearly 15,000 loans totaling more than \$170 million. Accion operates in eight



states – Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Tennessee and Texas. To learn more about Accion Texas, go to [www.acciontexas.org](http://www.acciontexas.org).

### **About the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas**

As one of twelve regional Reserve Banks in Federal Reserve System, the Dallas Fed serves the Eleventh Federal Reserve District, which consists of Texas, northern Louisiana and southern New Mexico. The Federal Reserve represents an independent organization created by Congress to keep money valuable and the financial system healthy; one of the three federal bank regulatory agencies in the United States; guardian of payments system efficiency and effectiveness; lender of last resort. For more information on the Dallas Fed, visit [www.dallasfed.org](http://www.dallasfed.org).