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Mr. Valdez is the Acting Director of the Office of Economic Impact and Diversity (ED). He also concurrently serves as the Director of the Office of Workforce Development for Teachers and Scientists (WDTS) within the Department of Energy's Office of Science.

As Director of the Office of Workforce Development for Teachers and Scientists (WDTS) Mr. Valdez's responsibilities include developing workforce strategies for the Department's scientific and technical workforce, and creating opportunities for students and

educators to participate in the Nation's research enterprise as a means to improving the competitiveness of U.S. industry and overall scientific literacy.

Mr. Valdez's career with the Department of Energy spans over 16 years, providing him with extensive knowledge in the areas of workforce development, budget planning, diversity and equal opportunity issues, science policy, corporate and strategic planning, and contract management. Mr. Valdez plays a pivotal role in setting overall strategic direction for DOE's diversity, minority education, and small business initiatives and activities.

Mr. Valdez plans to work with Department program offices to develop a corporate funding strategy for minority institutions to ensure that faculty and students at these institutions are provided with opportunities to participate in DOE activities in the areas of research and development, but also to encourage the competitiveness of minorities in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Through workforce development initiatives, internships, traineeships, fellowships and other partnership activities at these institutions, the Department will address the growing need for a diverse, talented scientific workforce. Mr. Valdez will also ensure that ED's civil rights and small business responsibilities address ongoing DOE and national needs.

Mr. Valdez was awarded the Presidential Rank Award (meritorious) in 2007, was elected as a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in 2006, and is Vice Chair of the Senior Executive Association's Board of Directors.

Prior to working at DOE, Mr. Valdez worked as a Senior Project Manager in private industry where he provided strategic planning services to Asian and European multinational corporations.

Mr. Valdez received a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Texas and his Master of Arts in International Economics and Energy Policy from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies.