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**“Latinas: A Growing Power...An Untapped Resource”**  
**Legislative Issues Dialogue & Leadership Reception To Address**  
**MANA’s Vision For Latina Health and Wealth**

MANA, A National Latina Organization (MANA) and SER-Jobs for Progress National, Inc. (SER) will co-host a national discussion on core Latina issues on Thursday, March 8, 2007, at the U.S. Capitol, Room HC-5 from 1:00pm- 4:00pm. A Leadership Reception honoring congressional and Latina leaders will follow from 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm.

This event will bring together MANA and SER members and associates, Latina leaders from corporate, non-profit, federal agencies and experts on issues concerning Latina health and wealth accumulation, specifically concentrating on home ownership, financial education, and meaningful employment. Invited keynote speakers and honorees to the Legislative Issues Dialogue “Latinas: A Growing Power... An Untapped Resource” include: The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House; The Honorable Anna Escobedo Cabral; Treasurer of the U.S.; The Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchison, Chairman of the Senate Republican Policy Committee; The Honorable Grace F. Napolitano, U.S. Representative, Immediate past Chair of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus; and the Honorable Hilda Solis, Vice Chair Democratic Steering Committee.

“Our goal is to add participant feedback to the research, comments, and recommendations brought forth in the presentations made by the expert speakers,” said MANA President and CEO, Alma Morales Riojas. “Our national agenda has always been driven by the needs and goals of our national grassroots Latina base,” she added. “Latinas can and must be prepared to confront the growing gap in meeting employment workforce demands,” stated Ignacio Salazar, President and CEO, SER, the nation’s premier employment and training provider.

Sponsors of the event include Altria Corporate Services Inc., DaimlerChrysler Corporation Fund, State Farm Insurance Companies, and Sodexo.

*Founded in 1974, MANA, A National Latina Organization® (MANA) is a national grassroots membership organization with chapters, individual members and affiliates across the country. MANA’s mission is to empower Latinas through leadership development, community service, and advocacy. Its four national goals are to: strengthen Latinas as community leaders; create vital Hispanic communities; advance public policy for an equal and just society; and grow and sustain a healthy organization. MANA achieves its mission and goals through its two premiere programs, the **AvanZamos®** Program, an adult Latina leadership training program and the **HERMANITAS®** Program for young Latinas.*

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