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Ignacio Salazar
President and Chief Executive Officer, SER – Jobs for Progress
National, Inc.



Ignacio Salazar served as President of SER Metro-Detroit and its subsidiaries in metro Detroit and Chicago, IL until he left to assume leadership of SER National in 2002. Mr. Salazar was originally selected to lead SER Metro-Detroit in 1975. In 1980, he left to serve as Vice President of National SER, Jobs for Progress, Inc., and returned to the Midwest to serve as President of SER Metro-Detroit in 1984.

In addition to serving as president of SER National, Mr. Salazar presently serves as Vice President of Samaritan Center, an organization created in 2001 jointly with Boysville of Michigan to convert a former hospital into a community resource center. Mr. Salazar serves on a number of boards and commissions and participates in numerous civic activities. He is member of the Michigan Workforce Development Board, Catholic Presidents Legatus Organization, Fundación Solidaridad Mexicano Americana, Michigan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Detroit Police Board Foundation, Downtown Detroit, Rehabilitation Institute of Detroit, UltiMed HMO, New Detroit, Inc, and the Executive Committee of the NAACP, Detroit Chapter.

He has consulted on various policy issues relating to workforce investment and education for the city of Detroit, Detroit Public Schools, and the U.S. government. Mr. Salazar is a founding member of the University of Michigan Hispanic Alumni Association. He was presented with the Governor's Special Tribute Award and recognized by the Michigan Commission on Spanish Speaking Affairs, the Hispanic Economic Club of Michigan as Professional of the Year, Hispanic

Business Alliance as Professional of the Year, the Minority Women's Network as Man of the Year, and New Detroit Inc.'s "Closing the Gap" award.

Mr. Salazar attended the Executive Leadership Seminar "Best Practices in Corporate Governance" at Harvard University, and is a graduate of the University of Michigan Graduate School of Social Work at Ann Arbor where he received a Masters degree in Public Welfare Administration and Policy, and is ABD from the University of Michigan Center for the Study of Higher Education.