

## ***Manufacturing Sector Strategy***

*Committee Chairs: Wanda Garza, Executive Director South Texas College; Leticia Flores, Regional Representative, Office of the Governor, Economic Development & Tourism*

2:00 – 2:15 pm

**Introduction**  
**Review of FORI Position Paper 2007-2008**  
**“Shaping the Future of South Texas”**

2:15 – 3:30 pm

***Convene a Panel of Experts to represent a historical perspective, state resources and initiatives that stimulate growth in the manufacturing sector***

**Panelists:**

Robert McKinley, UTSA

Larry McManus, Office of The Governor, Economic Development and Tourism

Larry Temple, Texas Workforce Commission

**Moderator:** Leticia Flores, Regional Representative, Office of the Governor, Economic Development & Tourism

3:30 – 3:45 pm

*Networking Break*

3:45 – 5:00 pm

***Convene a Panel of Experts from the Texas Alliance of Manufacturers Association to address challenges and opportunities for Texas Manufacturing and Logistics Sectors***

**Panelists:**

Mike Willis, Executive Director  
South Texas Manufacturers Association, McAllen, TX  
VP, Office of Business Partnerships  
WorkFORCE Solutions, Edinburg, TX

Norwood Fedie, President, Harlingen Manufacturers Assn.  
Regional Marketing Manager, Gibbs Die Cast, Harlingen, TX

Dale E. Woodfork, Manufacturing Engineer, Modine  
Manufacturing Company, Laredo, TX

**Moderator:** Wanda Garza, Executive Director South Texas College

5:00-6:00 pm

***Formulate Action Plan: Achieve Consensus on Goals and Action Items***

\*Speakers and topics are subject to change.