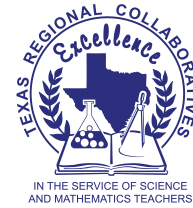




## El Paso-TRC Partnership



### Brief Highlights

On July 9, 2008, El Paso Corporation Announced a \$125,000 grant to the Texas Regional Collaboratives to support Phase II of the El Paso-TRC Partnership. With this announcement, El Paso more than doubled its initial contribution of \$60,000 in support of Phase I of the Partnership to improve science and mathematics teaching.

#### Phase I enabled the Texas Regional Collaboratives to:

- Provide focused science professional development to middle school teachers.
- Utilize podcasting to distribute quality audio and video online professional development to Science Teacher Mentors.
- Sponsor science fairs to encourage and stimulate the interest of students in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics careers.
- Support the El Paso-TRC Partnership teaching and mentoring excellence awards.

#### Phase II of the El Paso-TRC Partnership is enabling the Texas Regional Collaboratives to:

- Expand science professional development to serve elementary science teachers.
- Provide teacher training in elementary engineering concepts and design.
- Provide professional development support to the KIPP Academy with a focus on elementary and middle school science.
- Build bridges between the schools served and El Paso Corporation through communication and collaboration to engage El Paso scientists and engineers in improving STEM education, and encouraging students to pursue science and technology related careers.
- Utilize informal science education such as participation in field trips to the Houston Museum of Natural Science to demonstrate the applications of science and mathematics in STEM careers and everyday life.
- Plan and support Honoring the Teachers events to recognize and honor participating teachers, engage policy makers, legislators, corporate partners, and state leaders in the Partnership.
- Scale up support for the podcasting project to access and share quality professional development.
- Continue the sponsorship and support to the El Paso-TRC Teaching and Mentoring Excellence Awards program.



Bruce Connery, *Vice President (far left)*, and Leticia Konigsberg, *Education Program Coordinator, Corporate Foundation, El Paso Corporation*, attending UHCL/EIH Regional Collaborative Honoring the Teachers event with TRC staff and UHCL administrators, September 2007