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Honorarium or Expense Reimbursement Report (RSA 15-B)



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List the full name, post office address, occupation, and principal place of business, if any, of the source of any reportable honorarium or expense reimbursement. When the source is a corporation or other entity, the name and work address of the person representing the corporation or entity in making the honorarium or expense reimbursement must be provided in addition to the name of the corporation or entity.

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If source is a Corporation or other Entity:

Name of Corporation or Entity: TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Name of Corporate/Entity Representative: _____

Work Address of Representative: TCABE PRESIDENT, WHARTON COUNTY JR COLLEGE, 911 BOLING HWY,
WHARTON TX 77488

Value of Honorarium: _____ Date Received: _____ *If exact value is unknown, provide an estimate of the value of the gift or honorarium and identify the value as an estimate.* Exact Estimate

Value of Expense Reimbursement: \$528.70 Date Received: 2/15/07 *A copy of the agenda or an equivalent document must be attached to this filing.* Exact Estimate

Briefly describe the service or event this Honorarium or Expense Reimbursement relates to:

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"I have read RSA 15-B and hereby swear or affirm that the foregoing information is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief"

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2006 TCABE Conference-at-a-Glance

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Thursday, December 7

1:00 – 1:15 pm	Welcome / Introduction	Chris Nevarez, TCABE President
1:15 – 2:15 pm	Keynote Speaker:	Karen Garcia
2:15 – 2:35 pm	Vendor Presentation	Monarch Learning, Shay Brewer
2:40 – 3:00 pm	Vendor Presentation	ED-Tex-New Readers Press, Dianna Wolertz, Todd Evans
3:00 – 3:15 pm	BREAK	
3:15 – 4:45 pm	Question and Answer	Ms. Joanie Rethlake, ABE State Director
4:45 – 5:45 pm	Reception Highlighting Vendor Booths and Networking with Colleagues	

Friday, December 8

8:00 – 8:30 am	Continental Breakfast Welcome	Chris Nevarez, TCABE President
8:30 – 9:00 am	Vendor Presentation	McGraw-Hill/Contemporary, Michael Padus
9:00 – 10:00 am	Intro. of Keynote Speaker: Keynote Speaker:	Chris Nevarez, TCABE President Art Ellison, Co-Chair, National Council of State Directors of Adult Education
10:15 – 10:30am	Break	
10:30 – 11:15 am	PATH: Post-Secondary Awareness to Higher Education	Rene Coronado, Adelina S. Silva, Chakib Chehadi, Guadalupe Ruvalcaba
11:15 – 11:45 am	Vendor Presentation	Oxford University Press,
11:45 – 1:00 pm	LUNCH	
1:00 – 1:30 pm	Vendor Presentation	Aztec Software, Bill Pounds
1:30 – 2:00 pm	Vendor Presentation	Steck Vaughn, Vincent Diblasi
2:00 – 2:30 pm	Intro. of Keynote Speaker Keynote Speaker:	Chris Nevarez, TCABE President Jimmy Winn, Governmental Affairs Art Ellison
2:30 – 3:15 pm	Question/Answer Session w/ Governmental Affairs	
3:15 – 3:30 pm	BREAK	
3:30 – 4:45pm	Intro. of Keynote Speaker Keynote Speaker:	Chris Nevarez, TCABE President The Honorable Gib Lewis, Adult Ed. Legislative Consultant

Saturday, November 9

8:30 – 9:00 am	Continental Breakfast	
9:00 - 9:30 am	Vendor Presentation	Pearson Longman, Janet Rothring
9:30 – 10:00 am	Credential Project	Ken Stedman
10:00 – 10:30 am	Vendor Presentation	PCI, Marissa Rodriguez
10:30 – 11:00 am	Final Question/Answer Session for Presenters (Governmental Affairs, Joanie Rethlake, ABE/Higher Ed.)	Joanie Rethlake, Art Ellison, Jimmy Winn, Rene Coronado
11:00 – 11:45 am	TCABE Meeting	Chris Nevarez, President
11:45 – 1:45pm	LUNCH Conference Wrap-up	

Keynote Speakers

Joanie Rethlake – Texas State Director of Adult Education

Joanie Rethlake is the state director for adult education at Texas LEARNS, the state office for adult education in Houston, Texas and has responsibility for administering the state's adult basic education program and directing the technical assistance and professional development offered to adult education and family literacy programs across Texas. Her work includes participation in the development, implementation, maintenance, and growth of several electronic applications including ACES, TEAMS, TESPIRS, AEGIS, and CREDITS.

Rethlake is working in partnership with the US Department of Education, 11 states and TCALL, (Texas Center for the Advancement of Literacy and Learning) to develop Adult Education Content Standards for Texas. She is a member of the Office of Vocational Adult Education (OVAE) Working Group to provide state perspectives on a variety of issues with the opportunity for state representatives to discuss topics concerning the functioning of federally sponsored adult education programs

Karen Garcia, "Student Success"

Karen Garcia was born and raised in Wharton, Texas and attended Wharton High School until the first semester of my senior year, when I dropped out and ran away from home. I was pregnant in 10th grade gave birth to my daughter in 11th. I was struggling emotionally, academically, and behaviorally.

I finally became too overwhelmed and that is when I dropped out and ran away. I did get my GED before my graduating class received their diplomas. I married my high school boyfriend and had three more children. It was not until after the break up of that marriage that I actively began work on my bachelors and then masters degrees in education.

I am currently teaching a combination of two, 6th grade math classes and 4 8th grade Pre-Algebra at Vernon Schrader (Shraydee) Middle School with Garland ISD in Rowlett Texas.

Art Ellison

Co-Chair, National Council of State Directors of Adult Education

Art Ellison grew up in a small Vermont town. After leaving Vermont he received a B.A. from Earlham College in 1965, a MAT from Northwestern University in 1966 and an Ed.D. from the University of Massachusetts in 1978.

Over the years he has worked as a road construction laborer, high school social studies teacher, community organizer, local adult education program director and since 1980 as the New Hampshire State Director of Adult Education.

He is very proud of his work as one of the founders, executive producer and actor with the Northern New England Literacy Theater which has performed over the past twenty two years throughout the United States and Canada. In addition he has served as director/actor with several teenage improvisational theater groups that used interactive theater to educate young people around issues such as teenage sexuality, relationship violence, and drug/alcohol abuse.

Since 1982 he has served on the Board of Directors and been associated with the Highlander Center in New Market, Tennessee, the legendary adult education center known for its work in training union organizers, civil rights workers, and local community activists throughout the southern United States.

Art's political work has ranged from coordinating the Fred Harris for President Primary Campaign in New Hampshire in 1975-1976 to receiving the Raymond Proulx Political Action Award from SEIU Local 1984 for his work on the 2004 Presidential and New Hampshire gubernatorial campaigns. In 2005 he received a Literacy Leadership Award from the National Coalition for Literacy for his leadership in restoring a \$363 million cut in funding to adult education programs proposed by the Bush Administration.

As Co-Chair of the National Council of State Directors of Adult Education Policy Committee he helped to create and now manages the Single Point of Contact network established by the State Directors to build support for adult education funding and policy in Washington, DC. Art has also testified before various committees of the US Congress on the need for additional support for adult education services.

Art has two children, Anna, a 7th grade social studies teacher who lives in Massachusetts and Jeremy, an actor who lives in New York City. Most of Art's free time is spent either playing basketball or looking for a basketball game. His favorite quote and guidance for life comes from Mother Jones, "Pray for the dead and fight like hell for the living".

The Honorable Gib Lewis – Legislative Advisor

Gib Lewis became the first individual in Texas history to be elected as Speaker of the House of Representatives for an unprecedented five terms. Gib's involvement with politics began in Ft. Worth during the 1960's, and he was elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1971, where he served six terms before being elected to Speaker in 1983.

Gibson D. Lewis has been honored by numerous organizations. These tributes include: 'Outstanding Legislator of the Year Award' by the Texas Municipal League; "Founder's Award" from the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine; "Legislative Conservationist of the Year" by the Texas Outdoor Writer's Association; "Legislator of the Year for Senior Citizens: by the Texas Health Care Association; and, "Distinguished Service Award" by the Texas Chamber of Commerce, and the "Helen Farabee Award" from the Volunteer Services Council.

In addition, Gib Lewis is known for his philanthropic projects throughout Texas, including: establishing of the Gib Lewis Unit of the Texas Department of Corrections; establishing of the Gib Lewis School of Business at Sam Houston State University; and, establishing the Health Science Library at the University of North Texas Health Science Center.