

# Professionals Gather for the Greater Dallas DiversityFIRST™ Luncheon



*From left to right: Jackie Robinson, Edcar Johnson, Angeles Valenciano (VP of Business Development for Texas Diversity Council), Greg Moore, and David Doyle*

The Texas Diversity Council held their annual Greater Dallas DiversityFIRST™ Luncheon on Thursday, June 21, 2012, at City Place Conference Center in Dallas Texas. A diverse group of panelists spoke at the event addressing the theme, “Looking Ahead: Future of Diversity and Inclusion.”

“The Council hoped to create an environment where business leaders could learn the necessary techniques to advance their careers using diversity and inclusion practices,” said Dennis Kennedy, CEO and Founder of the Texas Diversity Council, “while at the same time, we wanted to honor people and organizations that already embrace such practices and try to create a diverse and inclusive workforce.”

Attendees had the opportunity to attend two diversity best practices sessions. The first topic, “It Takes a Village Working Together to Achieve Full Diversity and Inclusion... White Males Live in the Village Too”, addressed how white males play a vital role in accomplishing the goals of full inclusion for all. The second topic

discussed, “Activating Employees around Sustainability: Do One Thing (DOT)”, encompassed a program developed by AT&T to engage employees in committing



*Attendees at the luncheon*

to regular, measurable actions that are good for themselves, their community and the company.

After the panel discussion, a number of individuals and corporations were recognized for their leadership and contributions to the goal of a more diverse work environment with the DiversityFIRST™ Award. They were also acknowledged for their outstanding accomplishments and commitment in the community and for promoting an

appreciation for diversity and inclusion, and a cultural understanding within the workplace and the community.

The Texas Diversity Council would like to thank the sponsors of the events, along with the panelists, for helping to make the Greater Dallas DiversityFIRST™ Luncheon a rousing success.

## ***Luncheon Speakers:***

### **Gilda Garcia**

*Vice President*

*Institutional Equity and Diversity*

*University of Texas*

### **Greg Moore**

*Greater Dallas Advisory Board President*

*Raytheon Company*

### **David Doyle**

*Senior Vice President & Controller*

*Brinker International*

### **Edcar E. Johnson**

*Network Centric Systems Diversity and*

*Compliance Director*

*Raytheon Company*

### **Jackie Robinson**

*Partner*

*Thompson & Knight, LLP*

### **Nicole Anderson**

*Director – Sustainability Activation,*

*AT&T*

### **Kathryn Nisbet**

*Senior Program Manager – Sustainability Activation*

*AT&T*