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## Lone Star College System SBDC welcomes new advisory board members

HOUSTON (Oct. 15, 2013) – The Lone Star College System Small Business Development Center announced this week that Dan Elliott and Jim Pollard have joined its advisory council.

"We are grateful to be able to add our two newest members," said Sal Mira, LSCS-SBDC executive director. "These two gentlemen have a wealth of business experience. I look forward to them sharing their knowledge so that we can continue to help small businesses evolve to the next level and better compete in today's global economy. They add an entirely new depth to our otherwise very qualified council."

Elliott is currently managing director of Sunbelt Business Sales & Acquisitions with more than 20 years' experience in mergers, acquisitions and business sales. Elliott has received the professional designations of Certified Business Intermediary (CBI) and Master Merger & Acquisitions Intermediary (MMAI). Pollard is the general manager of Community Impact Newspaper in The Woodlands, the fastest growing news organization in the state of Texas. Prior to joining the Community Impact Newspaper, Pollard held senior level leadership positions with the Houston Chronicle, Houston Community Newspapers, Los Angeles Newspaper Group, McClatchy Newspapers and Harte-Hanks Communications.

Members of the LSCS SBDC Advisory council provide guidance and suggestions to help the SBDC move forward. Among other functions performed by the LSCS SBDC Advisory Council, its members review and select finalists for the annual Small Business of the Year awards, which is celebrating its 27<sup>th</sup> year on Nov. 14 at The Woodlands Waterway Marriot.

The LSCS-SBDC help entrepreneurs and businesses evolve to the next level and better compete in today's global economy. With 60 years of personal business ownership experience in diverse industries, LSCS SBDC consultants help business owners develop strategies, secure debt and equity financing, increase sales, improve productivity and profitability, evaluate financials, all at little or no cost to local area business owners and entrepreneurs.

Click here to visit its website and learn more about the LSCS-SBDC.

Lone Star College System has been opening doors to a better community for 40 years. Founded in 1973, LSCS remains steadfast in its commitment to student success and credential completion. Today, with 78,000 students in credit classes, and a total enrollment of more than 90,000, Lone Star College System is the largest institution of higher education in the Houston area and the fastest-growing community college system in the nation. Dr. Richard Carpenter is the chancellor of LSCS, which consists of six colleges including LSC-CyFair, LSC-Kingwood, LSC-Montgomery, LSC-North Harris, LSC-Tomball and LSC-University Park, five centers, LSC-University Center at Montgomery, LSC-University Center at University Park, Lone Star Corporate College, and LSC-Online. To learn more visit LoneStar.edu.