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## PRESS RELEASE

Management and Engineering Technologies International Inc. (METI, Inc.) is pleased to announce their partnership with the El Paso Community College to pursue federal contracting opportunities

**El Paso, Texas, April 12, 2010:** Management and Engineering Technologies International, Inc. (METI) announced today that they have entered into an agreement to provide mentoring services and partnering opportunities to the El Paso Community College (EPCC) in an effort to take one of the country's largest Hispanic Serving Community Colleges into the federal contracting market space.

**eMSTI**

The El Paso Community College has established a subsidiary business unit named eMerging Science and Technology Institute (eMSTI) as the single organization to pursue federal contract opportunities. Dr. Richard Rhodes, President of EPCC, stated that he is very excited about this new partnership, which to his knowledge, is the first in the country where a small business like METI, Inc. and a Minority Serving Institution with over an 85% Hispanic student base, have entered into an agreement to help a population segment achieve broader career goals, have access to higher paying jobs, and get exposure to additional technical skills within the federal government space.

Mr. Renard U. Johnson, President/CEO of METI, Inc. stated "this unique public-private initiative brings business and academia together to provide experienced and cost effective support to our mutual customer base while expanding employment opportunities for the students, faculty, and staff, at the college."

The program has already gained national attention from a number of potential customers. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service sent a representative from Washington D.C. to look at ways to work with the newly established eMSTI.

Mr. Michael Rizo, Program Specialist for the USDA Forest Service toured the METI facilities and EPCC campuses, meeting with several faculty members to get an understanding of the resources that the college could provide to the U.S. Forest Service. Mr. Rizo expressed to METI: "I am very impressed with what I saw during my visit to El Paso and I am interested in finding ways to work with aMSTI on a number of upcoming Forest Service initiatives".

Mr. Charles Hayward of Stanley's Oberon Division was briefed recently on the METI-EPCC partnership, which included a tour of the El Paso Community College's 3-D Lab. He mentioned that "this partnership is an excellent method for involving academia in government contracting. Not only does it give EPCC students more choices for well-paying positions, it also allows the government and government contractor's better access to potential employees with needed skills."

METI, Inc. and EPCC will continue the collaboration in joint marketing efforts focused on obtaining contracting opportunities in local, state, and federal markets. aMSTI believes that with the extensive growth that Ft. Bliss and the surrounding region will undergo, it will be able to build a recognizable organization that will provide superior services and job opportunities to one of the nation's largest community colleges. METI, Inc. in its mentoring capacity has identified several on-going contracts where the skills and capabilities of the EPCC will be offered to customers such as the Department of the Army, Department of the Navy, and the Federal Aviation Administration.

Headquartered in El Paso, Texas METI, Inc., specializes in providing professional services such as Systems Engineering and Information Technology to the Federal Sector. METI, Inc. was founded in 1994 and has highly skilled professionals working both domestically and internationally supporting the U.S. Government.

EPCC is one of the fastest-growing community colleges in Texas and the largest grantor of associate's degrees to Hispanic students in the nation. Also, EPCC offers more than 130 academic programs and more than 350 personal enrichment continuing education classes. In addition, EPCC is one of a handful of colleges in the nation that offer distance education, online classes, dual credit classes and an Early College High School Program. EPCC has 5 campuses with more than 27,000 credit students and more than 10,000 non-credit students.