

## News from San Antonio

The San Antonio chapter of TABB has its meetings on the last Tuesday of the month. They have arranged for Anthony Ruiz of the U.S. Small Business Administration to present at their upcoming meeting.

On March 9, 2015, Mr. Ruiz became the central-south Texas district director of the SBA. He originally started his career with the SBA in 2011 as the assistant district director for the 8(a) Business Development Program in the Washington, D.C. metro area district office. There, he implemented a program to market the contracting agencies, resulting in increasing contract awards from \$3.9 billion to over \$6.4 billion in FY 2014 from FY 2013 for the 8(a) firms in his region.



Before joining the SBA, he served in the Maryland Small Business Development Center Network for seven years as the master management consultant and the capital region director. He led that region to be the #2 top performing SBDC region in the nation and the #1 performing region in SBA's Region III. Mr. Ruiz also has 22 years of experience as a business owner, five years as a commercial banker, and five years as an international banker, financing global trade for manufacturing firms.

Anthony's education includes an undergraduate degree in international relations from California State University, Los Angeles, an MBA double-major in international finance and international marketing from the University of Southern California, and a law degree from the University of Arizona, with emphasis on finance and international business.

Anthony is also a Vietnam veteran, serving in the United States Army Field Artillery from 1967-1969. His military awards include a Purple Heart and Bronze Star.