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## NATIONAL HISPANIC ORGANIZATION SIGNS FIRST MOU

**S**PEC made history by formalizing a Memorandum of Understanding with its first National Hispanic organization at the Washington D.C. Convention Center February 24. The national partnership between the Network of Latino Credit Unions and Professionals and SPEC was kicked off with a signing ceremony at the Government Affairs Conference of the Credit Union National Association's annual conference.

As part of the MOU, all NLCUP member credit unions across the nation will provide information, education and services in Spanish to the Limited English Proficient community regarding tax compliance and tax benefits.

The MOU can be viewed on SPEC's Web page, *The Point*. It is posted on the LEP Hispanic Initiatives Web page. ◀



L to R: Carlos Calderon, Chairman, Network of Latino Credit Professionals signs the MOU while Crystal Philcox, Acting Director, Area 3 looks on.



Seated, L to R: Ana Marie Argilagos, Annie E. Casey Foundation; Winona Nova, Guadalupe Credit Union; Carlos Calderon, Chairman, NLCUP; Crystal Philcox, SPEC Acting Director, Area 3; Pablo DeFlippi, Lower East Side People's Credit Union.

Back row, L to R: Melinda Wilson, OAS Staff FCU; Mel Hardy, SPEC Tax Consultant; Larry Garcia, El Paso Affordable Housing CUSO; Carla Decker, District Government Employees FCU; Debra Chandler, Relationship Manger SPEC National Partnerships; Raul Pickett, El Futuro Credit Union; Carl Stewart, Water & Power Community CU; Rodrigo Nunez, Freedom First CU; and Ricardo Soto, SPEC TM and Co-Chair SPEC LEP initiative.

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

### NLCUP Facts:

- NLCUP is an independent network of credit unions professionals and representatives from credit unions serving the Latino/ Hispanic Community.
- NLCUP's mission is to "empower the Latino community to build family wealth, develop economic opportunity, and secure financial stability."

Source: SPEC Headquarters