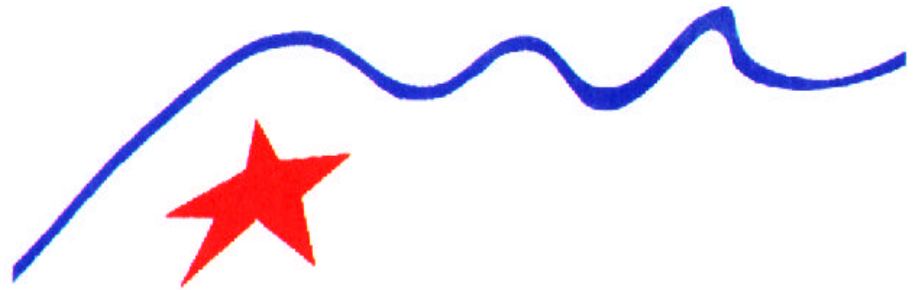




El Paso



FIVE STAR AGENDA

Higher and Public Education

The expansion of the Medical Center of the Americas, anchored by a four-year medical school, will be one of the main economic development drivers for the El Paso region. The medical school has a timeline to admit the first class of students in August 2008. Our agenda:

- \$ Fund \$61 million for Texas Tech University (TTU) faculty at El Paso's four-year Medical School
- \$ Fund \$7 million TTU Tuition Revenue Bonds (TRB) Debt Service to pay for Medical and Research buildings for El Paso's four-year Medical School
- \$ Secure equalized funding so that all El Paso school children have the same public education funding as other children in the state of Texas
- \$ Reduce school property taxes by at least fifty percent
- \$ Renew and decouple the Texas Inheritance tax to pay for more Texas Grants

