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DES Colleague Completes Tucson's 2016 Hispanic Leadership Institute *Selected as Graduation Speaker*

PHOENIX -- The Department of Economic Security (DES) is pleased to recognize colleague Rosalva Zimmerman who completed the 2016 Hispanic Leadership Institute in Tucson and was selected as class speaker for the graduating class.

"Rosalva's knowledge and experience has been a tremendous asset to the DES Office of Community Engagement," said Director Tim Jeffries. "Her commitment and dedication to serve the citizens of Arizona, and specifically those in the Southern Region, make her a valuable asset to this agency, and completely deserving of this honor."

The Hispanic Leadership Institute is a 12-week program of weekly classes held one night a week. Its aim is to increase the understanding culture plays, specifically Latino culture, in our communities. The Institute allows participants the opportunity to "engage Arizona's foremost business and policy authorities in a continuing dialogue about leadership and Latino issues."

Rosalva has served in her current role as the Community Engagement Liaison, Southern Region, since October 2015. Her primary role is to work with DES community partners, including the Tribal Nations, to develop and strengthen agency relationships with faith-based and community organizations. She serves Apache, Cochise, Graham, Greenlee, southern Navajo, southern Pinal, Pima, Santa Cruz and Yuma Counties.

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