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Dear Former Texas Nonprofit Management Assistance Network (TNMAN) Members,

On behalf of the advisory group we are pleased to announce the inaugural invitation to join the new Nonprofit Management Alliance of Texas (NMAT)! First, our thanks to OneStar Foundation for supporting and convening this group throughout the last year. The newly formed NMAT reflects the needs of the sector as delineated in the Texas A & M Bush School Study (2009-2011) commissioned by Meadows Foundation and OneStar. Hundreds of nonprofit stakeholders, including researchers, members of the former Texas Nonprofit Management Assistance Network (TNMAN), nonprofit and for-profit leaders participated in the three year, four phase study. You can review the study at <http://www.onestarfoundation.org/page/sector-research>.

So what is different?

- NMAT membership is open to nonprofits whose primary mission or program focus is provision of direct management or governance services to nonprofits.
- In lieu of electing officers, the full membership will vote on a slate of new advisory members in April of 2013. Until that time, the current advisory group will remain in effect.
- The advisory group will review and approve membership applications (details attached).
- Applicants will be required to sign a code of ethics (attached).
- OneStar will provide administrative support of NMAT, managing logistics, communications, webinars and other educational opportunities to link policy, research and practice to strengthen our sector. OneStar is the fiduciary agent and will keep all funds in a segregated account for use only to further NMAT activities.
- NMAT members will convene in-person at least annually at the Texas Nonprofit Summit.
- Webinars and other technology-driven solutions will connect members quarterly. Members will provide input into the content of these sessions which will be designed to present the latest research-based solutions.
- Organizations whose primary mission is formal education or degree-granting programs, membership or advocacy organizations and for-profit firms, will not see themselves in the current membership eligibility.



- OneStar is exploring options for creating affiliate groups to connect with NMAT at the annual Texas Nonprofit Summit. If you or your organization do not meet the NMAT eligibility criteria at this time, we encourage you to indicate your interest in being part of such a group on the membership application.

We look forward to our first webinar with the new membership in June 2012 as well as our first convening at the Texas Nonprofit Summit in Austin September 20-21 later this year.

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