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Platinum Partner Linebarger Goggan Receives Patriot Award for Military Support

Linebarger Goggan Houston partners Norman Nelson and Chip Sutton recently accepted the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) Patriot Award on behalf of the law firm. Nelson is a retired United States Air Force Officer, and encourages all military reservists working in the Houston office to continue their military service. Sutton has taken time from his own personal schedule to ensure that active military reservist employees can attend training or battle assembly that has conflicted with work schedules. The firm was nominated by Houston office partner Derick Mendoza, who is a Major in the U.S. Army Reserves.

As a recognized leader in the accounts receivable management industry, Linebarger Goggan is no stranger to public service. A four-time winner of USCM Public-Private Partnership awards, the firm fully understands the meaning of customer service and the benefits of true partnerships. Linebarger Goggan received its first USCM Public-Private Partnership award in 2001 for its work with Dallas. To date, it has collected over \$1.2 Billion for the city and school district in delinquent

taxes. In 2004, the Conference of Mayors recognized the firm for its efforts to help Chicago collect its outstanding fees and fines, such as parking tickets; that partnership has collected over \$380 Million. In January 2007, the Conference of Mayors bestowed yet another outstanding achievement award on Linebarger Goggan for its program to assist Houston with inner city revitalization and development of affordable housing through its delinquent tax collection program. And, in 2010 the firm garnered another Conference of Mayors award for its partnership with Port Arthur to transform blighted and abandoned properties in inner-city neighborhoods following Hurricane Ike using the firm's tax sale process.

Since 1976, Linebarger Goggan has focused on debt collection services for local and state government agencies. The law firm currently serves over 500 cities, designing customized solutions to help them collect their delinquent taxes, fees,



Left to right, Linebarger Goggan Partners E. Derick Mendoza, Chip Sutton, and Norman Nelson with ESGR Representative Wyvette McLendon.

fines, service charges, and other miscellaneous government debts. The firm will help its government clients recover nearly \$1 billion this year alone.

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