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**Academy Prep Centers for Education Announce Partnership with Regions Bank
*Regions Bank to Present Schools with Supplies on August 29, 2013***

Tampa Bay, FL – Academy Prep Centers for Education is pleased to announce a new educational partnership with Regions Bank. As part of the partnership, which includes financial contributions and programmatic support, Regions Bank will present both the St. Petersburg and Tampa campuses with school supplies on Thursday, August 29, 2013, at 7:30 a.m. Regions Bank West Florida Area President, Marty Lanahan, and St. Petersburg-Clearwater City President, Jim Donatelli, will present the students with the donated materials.

“We are inspired by the time, treasure and generosity provided – without hesitation – by so many Regions employees, and we are excited to see how our partnership with Regions blossoms in the future,” said Lincoln Tamayo, VP of Operations at Academy Prep Centers for Education. “The leadership and generosity shown by Regions serves as an outstanding model for our students, whom we expect to someday give back in their own rights as community leaders.”

Regions Bank associates and customers had a busy summer collecting school supplies at 34 area locations for both Academy Prep campuses. In total, Regions Bank collected over 2,500 items for distribution next Thursday. Regions Bank is committed to education as a means of helping young people prepare for the future. In addition to the supply drive, Regions Bank associates will be teaching monthly financial literacy classes educating students about financial fitness. Classes will begin with the fifth grade students at both campuses and follow them through the eighth grade. Regions Bank is also committing \$15,000 to Academy Prep Centers in support of the Student Scholarship Program.

“Providing advice, guidance, and education to students will help our communities grow stronger – the children at Academy Prep are our future,” said Marty Lanahan, Regions Bank West Florida Area President. “We want to connect to the kids... not breeze in and breeze out... we want to partner with the students, faculty, and parents and develop a long term relationship.”



Media are invited to attend the school supply presentations at both the St. Petersburg and Tampa campuses – which will both begin at 7:30 a.m. Regions Bank and school officials, as well as students, will be available for interviews.

About Academy Prep Centers for Education

The Academy Prep Centers for Education in St. Petersburg and Tampa - offer middle school students and their families life-changing learning opportunities. Academy Prep is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. The mission of these urban college preparatory middle schools is to inspire and empower students qualifying for need-based scholarships to be future community leaders through a rigorous middle school program coupled with ongoing graduate support. Students attend tuition-free on full scholarships provided by the local community. Students attend Academy Prep up to 11 hours a day, six days a week, 11 months each year. Upon graduation, students are provided eight years of graduate support services. For more information about Academy Prep Centers for Education, please visit www.academyprep.org.

About Regions Financial Corporation

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