

JUAN MANUEL SOLANA

In April 2001, Mr. Solana was appointed as Consul at the Mexican Consulate in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Mr. Solana is an economist with a solid background in the fields of marketing, finances, international commerce and diplomacy.

Born in Mexico City on February 22, 1959 he graduated from the Universidad Iberoamericana in 1981 and did graduate studies on the national College of Economy. He specialized in Econometrics System, Finances & Strategic Planning.

In 1996 Mr. Solana started his diplomatic experience as Consul of Economic Affairs at the Mexican Consulate in Houston, Texas.

He served from 1993 to 1996 as the Senior Vice-President for the Negocentros Project, the Mexican Small Business Administration System, a program of Nacional Financiera, the largest Mexican development bank.

From 1989 to 1993 he worked with a consulting firm as Senior Partner with clients in the national and international fields, among others the World Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank, the University of Tokyo, the Mexican Ministry of Industrial Development and Commerce and several Mexican leading banks.

Mr. Solana's banking experience came from working from 1983 to 1989 as Director of Planning and Development of New Products at the "Banco Mexicano Somex" the fourth Mexican leading bank.

Before arriving in the financial arena he served for two years, from 1982 to 1983 in the advisory to the president of Pemex in the areas of marketing and policy pricing.

In the academic field, he worked as Professor in the Universidad Iberoamericana where he taught Macroeconomics, Econometrics, and Monetary Theory from 1981 to 1990. In 1987 he published, "A Macroeconomic Model for the Closed Mexican Economy".