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**DEAN RANSELL, DIRECTOR OF BOWIE-CASS ADULT EDUCATION COOPERATIVE,
RECEIVES TOP CERTIFICATION FOR ADULT EDUCATION AND LITERACY FIELD**



Texarkana, TX – Dean Ransdell, Director of Bowie-Cass Adult Education Cooperative, recently completed an intensive two-year training program which has enabled her to become a Certified Manager in Program Improvement (CMPI). This certification is the first of its kind in the adult education and literacy field and places Ransdell among an elite group of professional managers. Texas is one of only nine states in which adult educators have achieved this national certification.

The National Adult Education Professional Development Consortium (NAEPDC) and ProLiteracy joined forces to develop the Leadership Excellence Academies (LEA) training program to support continuous improvement and high quality educational services for adult learners. The Academies are built upon a foundation of research, theory, professional wisdom and best practices. Those who successfully complete the LEA training are eligible to apply for certification and have their activities and learning projects thoroughly reviewed in order to receive certification recognition.

Ransdell holds a Bachelor of Science in Family Consumer Science from Texas A&M University – Commerce and a Master of Science in Education from Texas A&M University – Texarkana. She began teaching for Texarkana Independent School District in 1986 at Texas High School. In 1998, Ransdell was named Assistant Principal of Career & Technology and in 2002, Director of Adult Education.

She is a member of the Texas Association for Literacy and Adult Education, serving as President, as well as the Commission on Adult Basic Education, Texas Council for Adult Basic Education and the Adult Education State Advisory Board.

Since 1966, TISD has served as the fiscal agent for the Bowie-Cass Adult Education Cooperative