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In the running: Huntington Beach businessman Ronald Cedillos is on a list of candidates to fill the next open White House cabinet spot, according to a report by syndicated columnists Rowland Evans and Robert Novak.

The Tuesday column noted that Bush would like to fill his next opening with a Hispanic, and might be interested in Cedillos for the vacant Education Secretary spot. Cedillos, who owns a Long Beach company, gained prominence last spring by organizing an alliance of aerospace executives to fight state business policies.

And in August, he was appointed by Gov. Pete Wilson to the California State University board of trustees. Cedillos and the White House refused to comment on the report Wednesday. But word has it that Cedillos met with Chief of Staff John Sununu recently.