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L.B. man may be up for federal Cabinet post

From staff reports

LONG BEACH — Ron Cedillos, a Long Beach businessman who also is a major fund-raiser for the Republican party, may be in line for a job in Washington as secretary of commerce.

Cedillos' name has been floated by nationally syndicated columnists Rowland Evans and Robert Novak as a potential replacement for Secretary Robert Mosbacher.

Although Mosbacher has not announced his resignation, he is expected to leave the position in order to manage President George Bush's 1992 re-election campaign.

Cedillos declined Wednesday to say whether he has been asked about the job.



Cedillos

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"I can't comment about that," he said. "I think it would be a challenging job. I don't know that the timing is right for me. There is a lot of work to be done here in California."

Cedillos' 11-year-old company, Cedillos Testing Co. Inc., tests components for aerospace manufacturers.

He has been a driving force in trying to stem the flow of aerospace companies from the state. He helped form and is chairman of Californians for Aerospace Leadership, a group of aerospace businesses that is trying to get the state's politicians to act favorably toward the industry.

In the political arena, Cedillos has been active only since 1988, but has become a major fund-raiser for Gov. Pete Wilson. He said he has agreed to join the Bush campaign as a fund-raiser.

Wilson recently appointed Cedillos to the board of trustees of the California State University system.

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