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WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS EAST TEXAS BOARD

PRESS RELEASE

Solution Available for Employers Facing a Reduction in Force

Workforce Solutions East Texas Presents Shared Work Compensation Program

Kilgore, TX, January 30, 2009: Offering an alternative to employers facing a reduction in force, Workforce Solutions East Texas recommends the Shared Work Compensation Program, in which the employer reduces the hours of work among a specific group of employees. Wages lost to the worker as a result of reduced hours is supplemented by a partial unemployment benefit amount. Workforce Solutions East Texas and Kilgore Economic Development Corporation have partnered to host an informative session on the Shared Work Unemployment Compensation Plan on Tuesday, February 3, at the Meadowbrook Country Club (1306 Houston Street) in Kilgore from 2:00 - 3:00 pm.

The session will be presented by Terry Felps, Unemployment Insurance Specialist from the Texas Workforce Commission. East Texas employers facing a reduction in workforce are invited to attend. Deadline for attendees to RSVP to 903.988.4127 is January 2. For more information contact Workforce Solutions East Texas Board staff director, Wendell Holcombe at (903)984-8641 ext. 254 or (903)742-3270.

About the Workforce Solutions East Texas Board

It is the mission of the Workforce Solutions East Texas Board to improve the quality of life in this area through economic development by providing a first-class workforce for present and future businesses. The Board works in partnership with chief elected officials of the region and is the primary source of local workforce policy. Rusty Basham serves as the Workforce Solutions East Texas Board chair and Tony Cain serves as vice chair. The Workforce Solutions East Texas Board is one of 28 local Workforce Solutions Boards located throughout the state. The board serves Henderson, Van Zandt, Rains, Wood, Upshur, Camp, Marion, Harrison, Panola, Gregg, Rusk, Cherokee, Anderson and Smith counties. The East Texas Council of Governments (ETCOG) serves as the administrating agency of the Workforce Solutions East Texas Board.

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