

PRESS RELEASE

Career Exploration & Discovery Event for Teens Coming to Athens *Dream Expo to be Held Tomorrow*

Athens, TX, September 21, 2015: – Students across the State are now faced with choosing a career path as they enter into high school due to the passage of House Bill 5. Students must choose from five of the following endorsements (career paths): Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM), Business & Industry, Public Service, Arts & Humanities, and Multi-Disciplinary Studies.



What a daunting task! To assist with this change, the Workforce Solutions East Texas Board is proud to sponsor its first "Dream Expo". The expo will give students from Henderson County a chance to explore each of the different endorsements, speak to people who actually perform the jobs, and get some hands-on experience with job related equipment.

To get students excited and allow them to dream and discover, the Dream Expo will have booth participation from a wide array of agencies including, but not limited to: public service organizations, engineering agencies, business and industry representatives, and continuing education agencies in various fields of study, including University of Texas at Tyler, Texas State Technical College, and Trinity Valley Community College.

The Dream Expo will be held on Tuesday, September 22nd, 2015, at the Cain Center in Athens, Texas. The event is invitation only and has received commitment from the following schools to attend: Athens, Brownsboro, Cross Roads, Eustace, Murchison and Trinidad.

For more information, please contact ETCOG's Director of Workforce and Economic Development, Doug Shryock, at (903) 218-6425.

About Workforce Solutions East Texas

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. 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.