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PRESS RELEASE

Cash for Workers

TWC Program Reimburses Employers who Employ, Train Unemployment Insurance Recipients

Kilgore, TX, August 17, 2009: East Texas employers have an opportunity to receive "Cash for Workers" for training and hiring skilled job seekers currently receiving Unemployment Insurance (UI) through the Ready to Work (RtW) program. The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) awarded \$500,000 in March to the Workforce Solutions East Texas Board to operate the RtW which currently has eight participants including: TCIM Services in Longview; Pilot Travel Centers in Tyler; Ozarka/Nestle Waters in Hawkins; and Suddenlink in Tyler.

Participating employers receive \$640 for each UI individual employed and provide workplace basic skill training to the individual(s) employed such as team work, time management, following directions, etc.

To participate in the program employers must pay at least \$8.00 an hour; maintain worker's compensation or adequate medical/accidental insurance; and have no employee in lay-off status in the training position.

If you would like to participate in the RtW program and receive "Cash for Workers," please call Amy Harrison at 903-561-8131, ext 174 or contact EastTX.RtW@twc.state.tx.us. For information about the Workforce Solutions East Texas Board contact Wendell Holcombe at 903-984-8641 ext 254 or wendell.holcombe@etcog.org.

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.

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