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Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas Board Receives \$800,000 Grant to Launch Career Education Pilot Program

Abilene, Texas — The Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas Board recently received the Workforce Career and Education Outreach Specialist Grant from the Texas Workforce Commission to launch a two-year Pilot Program in partnership with Region XIV Education Service Center and 19 school districts covering 13 counties in the West Central Texas region. This Pilot Program will add five new jobs to the region, whose primary responsibility will be bringing career awareness and information to middle and high school students at each of the participating school districts. The Pilot Program will impact over 6,000 students by 2021, connecting them to tools, resources, and opportunities to help guide the career decision-making process.

“As we work with our community and regional partners to help prepare our students for college and career success in high wage, high demand jobs, the expertise and guidance the Workforce Specialist will bring to our students will be invaluable,” said Randy Burks, Hamlin ISD Superintendent. “Hamlin ISD is currently working to develop three pathways for our students: 1. STEM (including Health Science) 2. Education and 3. Industry. Collaboration is key in our efforts to break the cycle of generational poverty and this partnership will be a great help as we strive to have a positive impact on the lives of our students, their families and our community.”

In addition to working alongside participating school districts providing career services to students, the staff members supported by this grant will also work closely with school district personnel, regional training providers, employers, and community partners to enhance opportunities available to students in the areas of dual credit, Industry Based Certifications, work-based learning experiences, job shadowing, and internships. The Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas Board is currently seeking applications from qualified candidates to fill five full-time positions for Workforce Career

and Education Outreach Specialists. A full job description and application materials are available at www.workforcesystem.org/jobs. The deadline to apply is Friday, May 17, 2019 at 5:00PM.

For more information or media requests, contact Lindsey Phillips, Career Consultant, (325) 795-4327 or Lindsey.Phillips@workforcesystem.org.

The Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas Board is one of 28 boards in the state charged with oversight and policy-making responsibility for workforce and training programs in a nineteen county region. Additional information on the Board's economic development efforts or services for business customers may be obtained by calling the Workforce Board at (325) 795-4200 or by visiting the website at www.workforcesystem.org. Equal Opportunity Program. Auxiliary aids and services are available, upon request, to individuals with disabilities. Relay Svc: 711

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