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Workforce Solutions presents the 3rd Annual World of Work (WOW) Youth Expo

Abilene, Texas—Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas is pleased to announce the World of Work (WOW) Youth Expo is taking place at the Abilene Civic Center tomorrow, November 16th, from 9:00am to 2:00pm. Over 2,600 8th-12th grade students from 42 schools will be in attendance. We also invite parents to attend the event any time after 10:00am. The goal of the WOW Youth Expo is to make students aware of opportunities for high-growth, high-wage, high-demand careers in this region while offering multiple educational avenues. Some of the industries represented include: health science, technology, public safety, business, manufacturing, and human services. Local organizations focused on helping youth, the military, as well as colleges and technical schools will also be in attendance.

This is not a hiring event; this is an opportunity for students to learn about the necessary skills, training and certifications they will need in order to be hired by local businesses. Nearly 80 individual exhibitors with over 150 engaging and interactive exhibit spaces are participating. Featured at this year's event are a racecar and equipment demo from Arrow Ford, drone tests with Roscoe Collegiate High School, and a full size aircraft carrier engine from Eagle Aviation. The WOW Youth Expo will also feature a keynote speaker, Mr. Lamarr Womble with "Define Your Passion" and mock interviews for junior and senior students. There is no cost for schools, students, or parents to participate.

Four students are serving as Student Ambassadors for the event and they are: Jax Bellar (Baird HS), Ladawn Brock (Cooper HS), Jaden Cerda (Baird HS), and Jamimea Wilson (Abilene HS). Student Ambassadors serve as the face of the event by participating in promotional media interviews as well as leaders during the event.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Carolyn Jergins or register at www.workforcesystem.org/WOW.

Questions may be directed to Carolyn Jergins, Career Consultant for the Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas Board, at (325) 795-4327. E-mail requests should be sent to wow@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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