

Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas Board
500 Chestnut Street, Suite 1200
Abilene, TX 79602
www.workforcesystem.org



Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

DATE: 03.22.18

CONTACT: Steve Collins

PHONE: (325) 795-4304

National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB) to Honor Samuel Garcia as 2018 Winner of the W.O. Lawton Business Leadership Award

Abilene, Texas— On Monday March 26, in Washington, D.C. Samuel Garcia/State Farm Insurance of Abilene, Tx. will be presented the **W.O. Lawton Business Leadership Award** for small business by the National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB).

The **W.O. Lawton Business Leadership Award** honors businesses or business organizations that commit time, money, and leadership to make their community's workforce and economy more vibrant and go above and beyond to be a full partner in their local Workforce Development Board's endeavors. The award will be presented at [The Forum 2018](#), by NAWB in Washington, D.C. March 24 – 27, 2018. The Forum 2018 convenes leaders, advocates, and change makers in business, government, labor, and education to network and share insights; address key issues affecting U.S. workforce development; and consider the goals and policy framework affecting the future of human capital and economic growth.

As a member of the Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas Board, Samuel Garcia led the creation and launch of the Workforce Investment Fund, designed to help small businesses train current workers. In addition, Garcia was instrumental in launching the Board's career pathways initiative by connecting business leaders with the local school district. His commitment to his community, to workforce development, and to helping fellow business owners succeed demonstrates a spirit of partnership that resonates in his community of Abilene, TX.

Mr. Garcia has also received numerous awards for his strong leadership skills, dedication and commitment to the success of Abilene community initiatives by the Abilene Chamber of Commerce and Texas Workforce Commission

Questions regarding this event may be directed to Steve Collins, Business Resource Consultant, for the West Central Texas Workforce Board, at 325-795-4304 or by e-mail to steve.collins@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