

# News Release

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## **Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas Board to Present Checks to Regional School Districts for Technical Training**

Abilene, Texas —On Wednesday June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018, Enterprise Bldg, 500 Chestnut, Suite 1200, 12:00 noon, at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas Board, four regional ISD's and Cisco College will be presented a total of \$89,998, to be used for middle-skill STEM, student technical training internships. These award funds are from the Texas Talent Connection program, which supports innovative education and workforce training program funding. The grant is managed by the Texas Workforce Investment Council in the Governor's Economic Development and Tourism Division. The Texas Workforce Commission will administer the grants, track progress, completion rates, hire rates and wages earned. TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ruth Ruggero Hughs said "Offering employer-led, real-world work experience through internships allows employers to connect with our future workforce and maintain their economic competitiveness."

Schools receiving a check presentation award on Wednesday are:

- **Abilene ISD-\$27,000** for students enrolled in CTE welding and industrial technology.
- **Roscoe Early College High School-\$21,000** for students enrolled in agriculture/vet technician.
- **Snyder ISD-\$12,000** for students enrolled in automotive technology and metal fabrication.
- **Sweetwater ISD-\$22,498** for students enrolled in wind energy technology.
- **Cisco College-\$7,500** for students enrolled in welding and industrial technology.

We cordially invite everyone to attend this award presentation in support of this middle-skill STEM internship grant program initiated by Governor Abbott. Need more information or have questions? Please contact Steve Collins, Business Resource Consultant, at 325.795.4304 or [steve.collins@workforcesystem.org](mailto:steve.collins@workforcesystem.org).

**Media representatives are invited to attend the event at 12:00 Noon. Media packets will be available.**

*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](http://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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