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Workforce Solutions Presents Over \$15,000 to Regional Schools for Winning Careers in Action Videos

Abilene, Texas—Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas rolled out the red-carpet Wednesday morning and awarded over \$15,000 in prize money to classroom finalists as part of the Careers in Action video contest. Middle and high school students from across the 19-county region, in conjunction with a sponsoring teacher, participated in the Careers in Action video contest throughout the month of September to highlight in-demand occupations in the region. Students were challenged to make short 1-3 minute videos highlighting careers in the following industries: education, healthcare, construction, installation/maintenance/repair, and production. Guest judges convened to review submissions and determine finalists for the Red Carpet Premiere on October 9, 2019 at Abilene’s Historic Paramount Theater.

Wylie High School took home the top overall prize of \$1,250 with their submission “Teaching! The World of Education”. High school and junior high “Best in Class” winners received \$850 prizes: Eula High School in 1A/2A, Highland Junior High in 1A/2A, Eastland High School in 3A/4A, Anson Junior High in 3A/4A, and Wylie High School in 5A/6A. Additional winners for “Best in Industry” and “Best in School” categories included: Clyde ISD, Gustine ISD, Ira ISD, Lueders-Avoca ISD, Munday ISD, Roscoe CISD, Rule ISD, Stamford ISD, and Trent ISD. The Red Carpet Premiere featured a screening of all video finalists, check presentations, and remarks from Rep. Stan Lambert. Students, teachers, administrators, and community members were in attendance for the event.

“The Careers in Action video contest is a fun and engaging way for students to explore career opportunities,” said Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas Executive Director Mary Ross. “Not only are students learning how education connects to careers, they are also developing employability

skills such as teamwork, communication, and problem-solving by working together to create the video.” For more information on the contest or Premiere event, visit www.workforcesystem.org/CIA.

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 19 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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