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BWJ Metalworks Honored as Local Employer of Excellence and Small Employer of the Year Finalist

Abilene, Texas — Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas Board is pleased to announce BWJ Metalworks as the 2019 Local Employer of Excellence and Small Employer of the Year Finalist. They were honored by the Texas Workforce Commission for efforts and initiatives that support the Texas workforce system and have a positive impact on other employers, workers, and the community. BWJ Metalworks and President, Bob Johnson, work diligently as a family-owned business to support employees and develop a pipeline of skilled workers for the manufacturing industry. With an economic impact of \$6.7 million, their operations are vital to the local economy. As an active member of the Texas workforce system for over 20 years, BWJ has participated in various job fairs, served on boards, launched partnerships, and deployed innovative practices to serve workers. BWJ invested over \$38,000 in the Eula school district last year and annually invests over \$75,000 to upgrade employee skills. BWJ Metalworks is dedicated to the workforce of today and tomorrow.

Workforce Solutions will recognize BWJ Metalworks at the upcoming regularly scheduled Board meeting on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at 12:00pm in the Lonestar Room on the 12th Floor of the Enterprise Building in Abilene, Texas. In addition, Lowes Store #0138 will be honored as the Veteran Friendly Employer of the Year. Founded by a WWII veteran, Lowes has a company culture that supports military families by offering extended benefits to employees on active duty, higher pay rates for veterans, and flexible scheduling. Over 25% of employees at Lowes Store #0138 are veterans and over 34% of all new hires in the last year were veterans.

Media representatives are invited to attend the awards presentation:

WHO: Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas

WHAT: Awards Presentation (BWJ Metalworks - Local Employer of Excellence/Small Employer

of the Year Finalist and Lowes Store #0138 - Veteran Friendly Employer of the Year)

WHEN: Wednesday, December 18, 2019

12:00pm – Board Meeting

WHERE: Enterprise Building

500 Chestnut Street, Suite 1200 (Lonestar Room)

Abilene, TX 79602

The Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas Board is charged with oversight and policy-making responsibility for local workforce and training programs. We are committed to strengthening the economic vitality of our 19-county region by investing in the success of residents and businesses. Our assistance and expertise are provided to both the job seeker and the employer. Visit our website at www.workforcesystem.org. Equal Opportunity Employer/Program. Auxiliary aids and services are available, upon request, to individuals with disabilities. Relay: 1-800-735-2989 (TTY) / 711 (voice)

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