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## **Workforce Solutions Awarded \$250,000 Grant to Support Reskilling and Upskilling in West Central Texas**

**Abilene, Texas** – Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas, a local workforce development board, is partnering with Trellis Foundation to provide opportunities and outcomes for accelerated reskilling and upskilling through postsecondary credentials and degrees with labor market value. The \$250,000 grant will fund a collaborative effort to build a regional model that centers on core competencies identified by industry leaders and offers equitable access, accelerates learning and promotes entry into economically stable employment.

Work under the Trellis Foundation grant will be directed by the Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas Board and administered in collaboration with organizations across the 19 county region including K-12 and post-secondary schools, non-profit agencies, adult education, economic development corporations, and industry sector alliances. “We are excited to work with our business, community, education and economic development partners to create models that will provide easy access to education and training,” said Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas Executive Director Mary Ross. “These opportunities will lead to local careers with family-sustaining wages.”

Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas, Trellis Foundation, and grant partners are committed to supporting the short-term COVID response needs of displaced workers and the long-term regional paths to family-sustaining careers. For more information, please contact Bill Dean, Community Partnerships Manager at [Bill.Dean@workforcesystem.org](mailto:Bill.Dean@workforcesystem.org) or (325) 795-4310.

*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.wfswct.org](http://www.wfswct.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). Programs/services are funded 86% with federal funds and 14% with non-federal funds.*

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