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**STATE AND LOCAL STAKEHOLDERS PARTICIPATE IN TEXAS
GOVERNOR'S REGIONAL EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE FORUM**

Leaders will work to identify solutions to improve education attainment levels and workforce development in order to meet current and future industry demands

EL PASO, Texas - On May 20th, Texas and El Paso leaders across academia, workforce development, and the private and public sectors will come together to address the region's future education and workforce needs. Leaders will identify workforce, economic development, and education initiatives they can work on collaboratively to prepare the North American Borderplex for a 21st century economy. The forum will also examine veteran transition issues and alignment with regional workforce development efforts.

The El Paso Regional Education and Workforce Forum is one stop of a statewide tour as part of Governor Abbott's Tri-Agency Workforce Initiative, which seeks to identify innovative initiatives happening regionally to create a robust workforce to meet current and future industry needs.

WHAT:

- **Press Conference following the Texas Governor's regional education and workforce forum in El Paso**

WHO:

- **Commissioner Mike Morath, Texas Education Agency**
- **Commissioner Raymund Paredes, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board**
- **Chairman Andres Alcantar, Texas Workforce Commission**
- **Joyce Wilson, CEO of Workforce Solutions**
- **Woody Hunt, Executive Chairman, Hunt Companies, CREED, Chair of the Texas Higher Education Strategic Planning Committee**
- **Rolando Pablos, CEO of The Borderplex Alliance**

WHEN: Friday, May 20, 2016

1:30 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.

WHERE: El Paso Community College

Administration Building B

9050 Viscount

El Paso, Texas 79925

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About Workforce Solutions Borderplex

Workforce Solutions is the public workforce system in the six-county Borderplex region that assists employers in finding quality employees, and training individuals with the skills necessary to thrive in the workplace. We administer a broad range of programs and services to effectively address local workforce issues. Workforce Solutions establishes partnerships with various stakeholders within the region to improve education, employment, and economic development. Our organization and its initiatives have been recognized and awarded by the Texas Workforce Commission for our innovative approach to assisting employers and job seekers.

About The Borderplex Alliance

The Borderplex Alliance is a bi-national, private sector led regional economic development organization that has as its main objective the integration and promotion of the economies of El Paso, Texas; Cd. Juarez, México; and Southern New Mexico.

About CREED

The Council on Regional Economic Expansion and Educational Development (CREED) is a not-for-profit education policy and advocacy group focused on creating measurable outcomes and dedicated to closing the achievement gap for El Paso County students. We accomplish this goal by investing in policies, programs and metrics that prepare students to succeed in college and our future workforce.

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