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Take Charge of Business at the Texas Business Conference on South Padre Island

AUSTIN – The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) will host South Padre Island-area employers, human resource professionals, business owners and managers at the Texas Business Conference employment law update from Jan. 15-16, at the Isla Grand Beach Resort. The conference will provide valuable information for employers and business owners concerning the legal issues associated with operating a business in Texas. This special two-day conference will include basic as well as advanced topics.

“As a former business owner, I understand firsthand the challenges employers and managers face as they run a business. Our agency is committed to connecting Texas employers with the tools they need to navigate state and federal employment laws, and the unemployment claims and appeals processes,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Hope Andrade. “Texas is a large, diverse state and the Texas Business Conference series is one way TWC brings agency resources directly to employers in their local area. We want to do our part to ensure all Texas employers have access to this valuable information.”

Employers will receive advanced, practical, up-to-date information from guest speakers and experts on employment law and workplace issues. With an emphasis on small businesses matters, this extended conference will include seminar topics on social media, healthcare laws, background checks, evaluating criminal histories, privacy issues, skills training opportunities, and Texas wage and hour laws.

Participants will receive the latest edition of the popular publication *Especially for Texas Employers*, which address basic legal issues regarding hiring, post-employment and work-separation policies. Certified public accountants who attend can earn six hours of continuing education credit, and other conference participants may qualify for general professional credit.

The conference is from 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. on Thursday and 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Friday in the Palm Grand Ballroom at the Isla Grand Beach Resort, located at 500 Padre Island Blvd. Attendees may check in for the two-day event from 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. on Thursday. The cost to attend is \$145 per person and is nonrefundable. Space is limited, so participants are encouraged to register as soon as possible. For more information, call 512-463-6389. Participants may register online or download a registration form at www.texasworkforce.org/tbc.

Texas Business Conferences occur several times a year at locations throughout the state. For a list of upcoming events, visit www.texasworkforce.org/tbc. More information about the resources available to Texas employers can be found at www.texasworkforce.org/svcs/commrs/empcommr.html.

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