

Regional Strategic Meeting
Thursday, February 6, 2014
Workforce Solutions, Brazos Valley
3991 East 29th Street
Bryan, Texas 77802

Overview

Each Local Workforce Board will have two Panel discussions:

- One to focus on key industry priorities, and what they are doing to address their needs. Where a Board is working with Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development Organizations, or other industry officials, their participation on the panel is welcomed.
- A second to focus on any other key area that they have been working on locally. This could include youth services, linkages with independent school districts/Career Technical Education, child care, adult education, or any other local priority.

A working lunch will be held during which Rich Froeschle, Director, Labor Market and Career Information Department, Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), will provide an update on the state of the Texas economy and updates specific to the local Boards in attendance.

Finally, each Board will lay out local challenges and opportunities, including any ideas they have for moving the system forward over the next five years. At the conclusion of all the Boards' presentation, there will be a discussion with commissioners and staff on local opportunities, challenges, and ideas for moving the system forward over the next five years.

General Agenda

8:30	Welcome Remarks – Tom Wilkinson, Executive Director, Brazos Valley Workforce Solutions
8:40	Opening Remarks – TWC Commissioners
9:00	Brazos Valley – Local Workforce/Economic Update Panel 1 - Industry Priorities Panel 2 - Targeted Population/Special Initiative Panel Board Opportunities/Challenges
10:00	North East Texas – Local Workforce/Economic Update Panel 1 - Industry Priorities Panel 2 - Targeted Population/Special Initiative Panel Board Opportunities/Challenges
11:00	Break/ Lunch Set-Up
11:10	Lunch Presentation Rich Froeschle, State of Texas Economy /Local Regional Updates

- 11:40 Lunch Conclusion/Break
- 12:10 **Deep East Texas** – Local Workforce/Economic Update
Panel 1 - Industry Priorities
Panel 2 - Targeted Population/Special Initiative Panel
Board Opportunities/Challenges
- 1:10 **Heart of Texas**– Local Workforce/Economic Update
Panel 1 - Industry Priorities
Panel 2 - Targeted Population/Special Initiative Panel
Board Opportunities/Challenges
- 2:10 Break
- 2:20 **Middle Rio** – Local Workforce/Economic Update
Panel 1 - Industry Priorities
Panel 2 - Targeted Population/Special Initiative Panel
Board Opportunities/Challenges
- 3:20 Open Dialogue with Commissioners and Staff
(Discussion of all Boards' Opportunities/Challenges)