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# Press Release

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## **WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS ANNOUNCES “Summer Youth Employment Program” SUMMER ‘09 TRAINING EMPLOYMENT PARTNERSHIP**

**ABILENE, TEXAS—** A press conference was held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 5, 2009, to announce the “Summer 09 Training Employment Partnership” Youth Employment Program. The regional initiative, is a direct result of the President’s American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The event was held at **Workforce Solutions, 400 Oak Street, 414 Taylor Rm., Abilene, Texas**. This regional program has been designed to assist approximately 300 youth, ages fourteen to twenty four years of age. Participants in the program will be paid an hourly wage for on-the-job training with participating employers. In addition to the OJT component, participants will participate in job skills training, developing and refining successful attitudes, values and work habits, which will contribute to their future success in the workplace. Both public and private sector businesses and organizations are encouraged to serve as worksites for one or more individuals for the summer youth program. Bob Allen with Workforce Solutions Board indicates “ This is an excellent opportunity for youth to be active and productive in a positive and supervised environment. This is a win-win opportunity not only for the youth of our region and future workforce, but for employers to mentor and inspire confidence in these young people”.

For more information or questions regarding eligibility requirements for this program contact Annette Smith, Summer Youth Partnership Director, for Workforce Solutions at 325-795-4247 or by e-mail to [annette.smith@workforcesystem.org](mailto:annette.smith@workforcesystem.org)

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