

Concho Valley Workforce Development Board Press Release

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Irion County Community Audit Demonstration Project

SAN ANGELO - The Concho Valley Workforce Development Board is implementing a Community Audit Demonstration Project grant by conducting strategic research to determine workforce development needs in Irion County.

Kelly Barraza, a community auditor gathering research for the Concho Valley Workforce Development Board, will be conducting the mapping of community assets and the community audit for Irion County. The purposes of mapping community assets and the community audit are to identify existing services now available to meet workforce development needs and to identify training needs and skills needed in Irion County.

The community audit will begin with an employer survey followed by worker interviews. The employer survey will determine what type of skills employers need from their current employees to continue the growth of their businesses and the local economy. The worker interviews will determine the type of training needed by current employees to develop career paths or ladders in the company. In addition, the audit will identify the existing services available to meet area workforce development needs of employers and employees.

During the course of this project, the Concho Valley Workforce Development Board will present their findings to the community stakeholders in the public and private sector, educational and training institutions, and community-based organizations. The goals of the project are to provide a collaborative development of a regional strategic plan for Irion County, provide a community resource directory for Irion County, link educational and training institutions to provide customized training for currently employed workers, and share tangible results with the community stakeholders.

For this project to be successful, the Concho Valley Workforce Development Board requests that businesses and the community become involved in the planning for the development of a skilled workforce.

Irion County Judge Leon Standard is very excited about this project, looks forward to assisting Ms. Barraza and the Concho Valley Workforce Development Board, and ensures Irion County is involved in planning to meet its workforce development needs.

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For more information about the community audit or if the community has any questions, please contact Kelly Barraza at (915) 655-2005.

The Community Audit Demonstration Project is 35% federally funded by the Department of Labor in the amount of \$49,827, 30% funded by the Concho Valley Workforce Development Board, and 35% by regional partners.

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