## CONCHO VALLEY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD

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## Workforce Board Releases Community Plan

For Irion County

MERTZON - The Concho Valley Workforce Development Board has released the Irion County Community Strategic and Service Delivery Plan. The Community Plan can be accessed through the Concho Valley Workforce Development Board website at <u>www.cvworkforce.org</u>. County Judge Leon Standard, County Tax Assessor-Collector Joyce Gray, and City Secretary Linda Harris also received copies of the Community Plan.

The Concho Valley Workforce Development Board conducted strategic research to determine workforce development needs in Irion County. The purpose of the strategic research was to gather input from all employers and workers to correctly identify the actual skills needed by area industries, which could be utilized to create pathways for workers to move from lower skilled to higher skilled jobs through work-based training. Through employer surveys, the Community Plan also identifies the necessary skills for entry-level employment.

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. The Concho Valley Workforce Development Board and the Texas Workforce Centers provide services in Coke, Concho, Crockett, Irion, Kimble, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Reagan, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton and Tom Green counties. For more information about the Community Plan or strategic research, contact Mary Kay Kuss with the Concho Valley Workforce Development Board at (325) 655-2005.

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