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August 10-11, 2009

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Forum Handouts

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GENERAL SESSIONS, AUGUST 10, 2009

1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

[Workforce Development Today and Tomorrow – Who has the Crystal Ball?](#)

Bob Simoneau, Deputy Executive Director and Workforce Development Director, National Association of State Workforce Agencies (NASWA)

[Trade Adjustment Assistance Program Reauthorization](#)

M. Frank Stluka, Chief, Division of Workforce Investment, United States Department of Labor, Employment & Training Administration

TUESDAY, August 11, 2009

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

[Implementation of 2009 Trade Act – What You Need to Know](#)

Dave Smith, State Trade Coordinator, Trade Funded Services, Texas Workforce Commission

Terri Warren, State TRA Coordinator, Unemployment Insurance Support Services, Texas Workforce Commission

[Mining Resources to Engage Employers in Skills Development Fund Grants](#)

Cub Curtiss, Workforce Business Services, Texas Workforce Commission

Brandi Harrison, Workforce Business Services, Texas Workforce Commission

WIA Eligible Training Provider System (ETPS) Overview and Best Practices

Kwame Thomas, WIA Eligible Training Provider System Unit, Texas Workforce Commission

Liz Adams, WIA Eligible Training Provider System Unit, Texas Workforce Commission

Child Care Attendance Automation Service

Nicole Verver, Director, Workforce Policy and Program Assistance, Texas Workforce Commission

Phil Warner, Workforce Policy and Program Assistance, Texas Workforce Commission

[Patricia A. Gonzalez](#), [Fernando Arrigucci](#), Workforce Policy and Program Assistance, Texas Workforce Commission

Debbie Athey, Applications Development and Maintenance, Texas Workforce Commission

W. Kent Westmaas, Project Manager, ACS State and Local Solutions

The Climate is Sunny for Workforce Investment Act Reauthorization – But, will it Rain?

Bob Simoneau, Deputy Executive Director and Workforce Development Director, National Association of State Workforce Agencies (NASWA)

Building Capacity in the Community & Technical College System to Meet the Training Needs of Local Business

Catherine Bingle, Director of Eligible Training Provider and Career Schools and Colleges Programs, Workforce Development Division, Texas Workforce Commission

Bill Jeffers, Workforce Business Services, Texas Workforce Commission

Medicaid Buy-In: Maximizing Local Coordination to Increase Employment Rates of People with Disabilities

Rebecca Soto, Manager, Business Relations, DARS

[Elizabeth Gregowicz](#), Texas Medicaid Infrastructure Grant Administrator, Center for Policy and Innovation, DARS

Peter Zitz, Area IV Work Incentives Coordinator, Department of Social Security

Knowledge Exchange - Health Care Workforce Initiatives

[Richard Froeschle](#), Deputy Director, Labor Market and Career Information, Texas Workforce Commission

Brenda Cox, Program/Contract Manager, Workforce Solutions of South Plains

[Sally Williams](#), [Workforce Center Director](#), and [Kristin Jenkins](#), Dallas-Fort Worth Hospital Council Education and Research Foundation

[Robert Puls](#), Business Development Consultant, Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas

[Chakib Chehadi](#), Executive Director, Workforce Solutions Alamo

Catherine Bingle, Director of Eligible Training Provider and Career Schools and Colleges Programs, Workforce Development Division, Workforce Development Division, Texas Workforce Commission

Partnership: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Programs and Texas Workforce Centers Working Together to Help Texans in Need

[Stuart Campbell](#), [Community Services Manager](#), [Laura S. White](#), Program Development and Training Officer, Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs

Rita Gonzalez-Garza, Project Manager for Program Management, Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs

Brad Manning, Executive Director, Texas Neighborhood Services, Inc.

[Jeff Wallace](#), Director of Community Services, Gulf Coast Community Services Association

[Employment Eligibility Verification \(I-9\) for Referrals on Foreign Labor Certification Applications](#)

Norma Martinez, Manager, Foreign Labor Certification Department, Texas Workforce Commission

Barbara Lusinger, Foreign Labor Certification Department, Texas Workforce Commission

[TWC LMI Resources: Useful Tools for Challenging Times](#)

Richard Froeschle, Deputy Director, Labor Market and Career Information, Texas Workforce Commission

Youth Programs - The Key to Building a High-Quality Workforce in Texas

[Gladys Emerson](#), Tarrant County Community College

Dr. Grant Simpson, Midwestern State University

[Valerie Segovia](#), Palacios High School Principal, Texas A&M University - Texas Engineer Experiment Station (TEES)

Joe Yacono, Workforce Business Services, Texas Workforce Commission

Child Care Funds Management

[Beejay Williams](#), [Deputy Director](#), [Workforce Solutions of the Coastal Bend](#)

[Rene Solis](#), [Director of New Business Development](#), [Neighborhood Centers Inc.](#)

[Deborah Butts](#), Director of Innovation & Efficiency, East Texas Council of Governments

[Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Employment and Training Job Retention Services](#)

Loretta Robertson, Sharon Roland, Workforce Policy and Program Assistance, Texas Workforce Commission

Returning Veterans Skills Training Fund

[Sherman N. Weeks](#), Texas Veterans Leadership Program, Texas Workforce Commission

[George L. Bousquet](#), Workforce Business Services, Texas Workforce Commission

Lessons Learned Summer Youth

[Kary Kuecker](#), Program Administrator, Workforce Solutions Heart of Texas

[Katie Navine](#), Vice President of Workforce Development Services, Goodwill Industries of Central Texas and Youth Contractor, Workforce Solutions – Capital Area
Ricky McNiel, Executive Director, Workforce Solutions Middle Rio Grande
Horace Dicks, Director of Administration, Workforce Solutions of Central Texas
[Debora L. Gommert](#), Workforce Center Administrator, Workforce Solutions of Central Texas