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## Media Advisory

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### **Workforce Solutions to Receive \$28,500 Grant for Summer Externships Connecting Educators to Local Businesses**

**WHO:** Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas and the Texas Workforce Commission

**WHAT:** Summer Externships Grant Award Presentation

**WHEN:** Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 1 p.m

**WHERE:** One AISD Center – 241 Pine St., Abilene, Texas 79604

**Abilene, Texas** —Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas will hold a grant award ceremony on Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 1 p.m.. at the One AISD Center in Abilene. Texas Workforce Commission Executive Director Ed Serna will present Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas with a \$28,500 Externship Grant Award and provide remarks. The ceremony will also include remarks from local leaders in business, education, and workforce development.

The Summer Externship Program in West Central Texas is delivered in partnership with Region XIV Education Service Center to provide a unique professional development opportunity for educators to work side-by-side with industry peers gaining workplace knowledge and skills that enhance classroom learning and career planning for area students. Since the program's inception in 2019, over 100 teachers have participated, earning continuing education credit, a stipend for completion, and gaining experience with area industry. Nearly 50 employers have hosted Externs to provide first-hand knowledge of job skills and workforce needs.

Media representatives are invited to attend the ceremony at 1 p.m. Speakers will be available for comment following the award presentation.

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