

# Press Release

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## **Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital Honored as Small Employer of the Year and Local Employer of Excellence**

**Abilene, Texas** — Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital (RPMH) has been named Texas' Small Employer of the Year by the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) during the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas Workforce Conference held Dec. 3 - Dec. 5, 2025, in Corpus Christi. Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas is also proud to recognize their contributions as the 2025 Local Employer of Excellence. “The Employer of Excellence award is a well-earned recognition for outstanding contributions to both the community and the Texas economy,” said TWC Chairman Joe Esparza. “From job creation to workforce innovation, Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital is a model for a growing and thriving business in Texas.”

Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital's innovation is highlighted in their approach to talent pipeline development. During the 2024–2025 school year, RPMH supported more than 30 students with hands-on learning and dedicated more than \$48,000 in staff time and resources to work-based learning efforts. This flexible, student-centered approach allows for career exploration across multiple departments, helping students see themselves in health care beyond traditional roles. Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital welcomed interns interested in marketing, culinary arts, and social work and gave them meaningful projects to develop core skills. RPMH also works closely with postsecondary institutions to provide clinical placements that are in high demand.

“Being recognized as Texas' Small Employer of the Year is a tremendous achievement, and we are thrilled to see Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital honored for excellence, innovation, and a strong commitment to work-based learning,” said Workforce Solutions CEO Dr. Amelia Reeves. “Their investment in developing talent not only strengthens their workforce, but also enriches the entire community and region.”

Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas is among 28 Local Workforce Development Boards located throughout the state. The Board serves Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor, and Throckmorton counties. Through partnerships with TWC and their communities, Workforce Boards meet the needs of Texas employers and workers through locally designed, market-driven workforce development initiatives and services. All employers and individuals can take advantage of these services. For more information about Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas, visit [www.wfswct.org](http://www.wfswct.org) or call (325) 795-4200.

*The Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas Board is charged with oversight and policy-making responsibility for local workforce and training programs. We are committed to strengthening the economic vitality of our 19-county region by investing in the success of residents and businesses. Our assistance and expertise are provided to both the job seeker and the employer. Visit our website at [www.wfswct.org](http://www.wfswct.org). Equal Opportunity Employer/Program. Auxiliary aids and services are available, upon request, to individuals with disabilities. Relay: 1-800-735-2989 (TTY) / 711 (voice). Programs/services are funded in whole or in part with federal funds. More detailed information is located on the Board's website at [www.wfswct.org/publicinfo](http://www.wfswct.org/publicinfo).*

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