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# Gov. Perry Announces \$2.6 million in Workforce Development Grants

*Funds to Help Communities Create Jobs*

LITTLEFIELD – Today Gov. Rick Perry announced \$2.6 million in workforce development grants to eight communities across Texas to help local communities coordinate economic development and workforce strategies through the education and training.

“Today I am announcing \$2.6 million in federal Wagner-Peyser grants are being awarded to eight communities across Texas, many in rural areas that represent the heart and soul of our great state,” Perry said. “These workforce development grants will help ensure that our local economies can continue to grow and prosper, our workforce remains the most skilled in the nation and that Texas continues to outpace other states when it comes to job creation.”

The workforce development grants have been awarded to:

- WorkSource of the South Plains, Littlefield - \$379,621
- Concho Valley Workforce Board, San Angelo – \$419,163
- Macedonia Outreach Center, Houston – \$200,000
- Blooming Grove ISD, Navarro County – \$288, 900
- City of Andrews, Andrews County – \$300,000
- Texoma Workforce Board, Fannin County – \$200,000
- Texas State Technical College, Statewide – \$500,000
- American GI Forum, Statewide – \$300,000

“In Texas we understand that job creation is first and foremost about allowing more families to fulfill their dreams,” Perry said. “Job creation can lift people out of poverty, expand the horizons of opportunity and grow our economy better than any one government program. By creating jobs, we also create the funding to pay for education, health care, transportation and other important priorities.”

Perry noted that this month Texas was named the number one state in which to do business by a nationally-recognized economic development publication, Site Selection Magazine. Additionally, Texas is now the number one exporting state in the nation and over the past year, Texas has gained more than 120,000 net new jobs. Texas has invested heavily in growing the state’s economy through job creation. In

the past year, Texas used more than \$180 million from the Texas Enterprise Fund to invest in projects that will bring 14,000 new jobs to the state and pump \$6 billion into the Texas economy.

“The economic outlook for the state of Texas has never been better. We are continuing to build a better Texas one new job at a time,” Perry said. “Creating jobs, opportunity and prosperity for the people of Texas is among my chief priorities as governor because it means that more people have the opportunity to work hard, provide for their families and live the American dream.”