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TWC Sends Mobile Workforce Units to Louisiana Gulf Coast Oil Spill Sites

AUSTIN— In response to the damage caused by the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) has deployed two Mobile Workforce Center units to Louisiana to provide job-search and referral services to those whose jobs have been affected by the disaster. The Workforce Solutions Cameron and South Texas mobile units are equipped with computers, Internet access, and provide staff assistance for processing applications for jobs in the cleanup and hiring events for BP-contracted employers.

“Just as TWC has responded to its neighboring states during previous natural disasters, we are pleased to assist the Louisiana Workforce Commission in a time of need,” said TWC Chairman Tom Pauken. “TWC has another mobile unit on standby for deployment if necessary.”

The Cameron local workforce development board unit is stationed in Grand Isle, Louisiana; and the South Texas’ local workforce development board unit is located in Cut Off, Louisiana. Both have been in Louisiana since May 17.

Staff in the well-equipped, 34-foot mobile workforce center units provide referrals to individuals needing further assistance such as food and lodging to social service and charitable agencies including the Louisiana Department of Social Services, Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Small Business Administration, Catholic Charities Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux, and the BP Claims Office and Information Center.

The mobile units also are open to staff from other agencies for Internet access and mental health counseling.

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The Texas Workforce Commission is a state agency dedicated to helping Texas employers, workers and communities prosper economically. For details on TWC and the services it offers in coordination with its network of local workforce development boards, call (512) 463-8556 or visit www.texasworkforce.org.