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TWC Commissioner Representing Employers and SHRM Texas State Council offer new Professional Development Credits at Texas Business Conferences

AUSTIN – The Texas Workforce Commission’s (TWC) Commissioner Representing Employers and the Society for Human Resource Management Texas State Council (Texas SHRM) are pleased to announce the formulation of a collaborative partnership to co-sponsor this season’s Texas Business Conferences. The conferences, which feature business, employment law and human resource topics, are offered at locations throughout Texas. As a co-sponsor, Texas SHRM will begin offering SHRM and Human Resources Certification Institute (HRCI) recertification credits for human resource professionals attending a conference. Human resource professionals are required to earn professional development credits every three years to maintain their credentials.

The Texas Business Conferences offer employers, human resource professionals, business owners and managers employment law updates. The conference provides valuable information for employers and business owners concerning the legal issues associated with operating a business in Texas.

“We are excited to partner with Texas SHRM and offer professional development credits,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ruth R. Hughs. “This is a great opportunity to not only maintain your credentials but learn more about valuable resources to effectively navigate employers through state and federal employment laws.”

Employers receive practical, up-to-date information for operating a successful business and learn techniques to more effectively manage employees. Seminar topics include: Texas employment law and the basics of hiring; federal and Texas wage and hour laws; the unemployment claim and appeal process; independent contractors; and employee policy handbooks. Certified public accountants who attend can earn six hours of continuing education credit and other conference participants may qualify for general professional credit.

Along with professional credits, participants receive the latest edition of the popular publication, *Especially for Texas Employers*, which addresses basic legal issues regarding hiring, post-employment and work-separation policies. For more information on how to apply for these Professional Development Credits upon attending the Texas Business Conferences, please visit the [Texas SHRM website](#).

Texas Business Conferences occur many times a year at locations throughout the state. The one-day conferences are held on Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and include the following locations and dates: Longview–May 6; Victoria–May 20; College Station–June 10; McAllen–June 24, Amarillo–July 1; Fredericksburg–Aug 5; Abilene–Aug. 19; The Woodlands–Sept. 2; Midland–Sept. 16; and Mesquite–Sept. 30. The two-day conference in Arlington–July 21-22 will be held on Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday from 8:30-3:45 p.m.

The cost per person to attend is \$125 (one-day), \$199 (two-days) and is nonrefundable. Space is limited, so participants are encouraged to register as soon as possible. For more information, call 512-463-6389. For a complete list of dates and registration, visit the [Texas Business Conferences Web page](#). More information about the resources available to Texas employers can be found on the [Web page of TWC’s Commissioner Representing Employers](#).

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