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Spectrum Honored at Texas Workforce Conference

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AUSTIN – Spectrum received the Employer Award of Excellence for the Workforce Solutions Cameron area at the Texas Workforce Commission's (TWC) 22nd Annual Texas Workforce Conference held Nov. 28-30 in Houston. The award honors private sector employers that are actively involved with Texas Workforce Solutions and have made a positive impact on employers, workers and the community.

Workforce Solutions Cameron's (Cameron) collaboration with Spectrum has positively impacted both the hospitality and construction industry for our area. Cameron's facilitation through Spectrum's hiring process resulted in 151 additional employees during 2017 with an additional 50 in 2018 thus far. The majority of hires were customer service representatives at an entry level wage exceeding the labor market entry level wage. The local construction industry was positively impacted with approximately \$1 million dollars via purchasing of construction materials and employing a skilled local workforce to complete the expansion.

"The Employer Award of Excellence recognizes those employers who put a premium on serving their communities and continue to raise the bar by contributing to Texas' success," said TWC Chair and Commissioner Representing Employers Ruth R. Hughs. "The work of these employers, together with local workforce boards, helps ensure a healthy economic climate in the Lone Star State."

Workforce Solutions Cameron was recognized for outstanding board performance, receiving a \$100,000 award for Youth Inspiration & Career Awareness Award. The Youth Inspiration & Career Awareness Award is intended to recognize and highlight three Local Workforce Development Board initiatives focused on supporting career awareness and exploration for young people.

Workforce Solutions Cameron, was also recognized for two Performance Incentive Awards, receiving \$30,000 for Claimant Reemployment. Additionally, Workforce Solutions Cameron received \$30,000 for a second Performance Incentive Awards for Foster Youth category.

Workforce Solutions Cameron is among 28 local workforce boards located throughout the state. The board serves Cameron county. The primary goal of TWC and the workforce boards is to meet the needs of Texas employers and workers through locally-designed, market-driven workforce development initiatives and services. All employers, workers and job seekers are eligible to take advantage of these services.

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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 512-463-8942 or visit www.texasworkforce.org. To receive notifications about TWC programs and services subscribe to our email updates.