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Grayson County College President Dr. Alan Scheibmeir Joins TWC to Outline Effective Use of Federal Stimulus Training Dollars

AUSTIN — Leaders from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), community colleges, workforce boards, and business and industry gathered today in Austin to discuss the most effective use of Texas training funds included in the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA). TWC has allocated more than \$150 million in ARRA funds to 28 local workforce boards across the state to support training and to help Texans find jobs.

“Newly available training funds should be targeted to bolster the skills of Texans who are out of work in order to help them get good jobs once our economy begins to recover,” said TWC Chairman Tom Pauken.

The money will expand existing Workforce Investment Act programs for adult, youth, and dislocated workers, and Wagner-Peyser Employment Services in local communities.

“For our communities, state and country to respond to the economic downturn requires us to work together more than ever before,” said Grayson County College President Dr. Alan Scheibmeir. “Our partnerships with local businesses, local economic development entities and the Texas Workforce Commission create an environment of credibility where we can deliver quality and timely training that meets the unique needs of our communities.”

Scheibmeir was a speaker on *Community College Flexibility: Responding to the Needs of the Texas Economy*.

ARRA encourages local workforce boards to enter into contracts with community colleges to provide job training tailored to the needs of area businesses and industries. Other strategies include providing short-term training to large numbers of prospective workers.

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