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Take Charge of Business at Texas Business Conference on South Padre Island

AUSTIN — The dynamics of today’s fast-paced, challenging economy can make it difficult for employers to keep up with laws affecting their businesses and workers. To address that, the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) is inviting South Padre Island-area business owners and managers to the Texas Business Conference (TBC) on Thursday and Friday, October 8 and 9.

“The conference helps employers recognize how laws affect them and their workforce,” said TWC Chairman and Commissioner Representing Employers Tom Pauken. “Tools presented at the event will give employers the information they need to operate a business effectively. Texas is a great place to do business and we need to do our part at TWC to encourage job creation and economic growth in the private sector, while helping our employers address the regulatory challenges of employment law.”

Chairman Pauken will attend the second day of the two-day event on Friday, October 9. Each day, TWC staff will present practical, up-to-date information and tips to avoid costly pitfalls when operating a business and managing employees. Agency attorneys and staff will discuss employee handbooks, hiring and retention, firing, workplace investigations, Unemployment Insurance (UI), preparing for UI hearings, wage and hour laws, workers’ compensation and more.

Participants will receive the latest edition of the popular publication *Especially for Texas Employers*, which addresses basic legal issues regarding hiring, post-employment issues and work-separation policy. Certified public accountants who attend can earn six hours of continuing education credit. Other conference participants may qualify for other general professional credit.

The conference is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, October 8, and from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday, October 9, at the Isla Grand Beach Resort, Palm Grand Ballroom - Second Level, 500 Padre Blvd. on South Padre Island. Registration is from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Thursday, October 8.

Registration is \$125 per person and is nonrefundable. Registration forms can be downloaded at www.texasworkforce.org/twcinfo/tbcforms/tbcform.html, then mailed with the fee payable to: Texas Business Conference — TWC, Texas Workforce Commission, 101 E. 15th St., Room 218, Austin, TX 78778. Space is limited, so participants are encouraged to register as soon as possible.

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