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Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas Recognized with National Award for Excellence in Chamber of Commerce Partnership

DALLAS – Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas proudly announces its selection as the recipient of the prestigious Excellence in Chamber of Commerce Partnership Award by the National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB). This national recognition celebrates outstanding initiatives by workforce organizations and their partners, highlighting Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas' unwavering dedication to collaboration and partnership with the Dallas Regional Chamber. The Awards Committee was particularly impressed with the true collaborative effort and long-term commitments demonstrated by both organizations, deeming this collaborative model exemplary and deserving of praise.

The NAWB Awards, which include the highly coveted W.O. Lawton, WIOA Trailblazer, and Community College and Chamber of Commerce Partnership Awards, honor remarkable contributions to workforce development across the country. This year's distinguished winners also include Workforce Solutions Capital Area, Pittsburgh International Airport, and Hampton Roads Workforce Council.

Carter Holston, Chair of the Board for Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas, expressed profound appreciation for the honor, stating, "This award underscores the pivotal role of collaboration in effecting meaningful change within our community. We take immense pride in our partnership with the Dallas Regional Chamber, working together to advance workforce development initiatives and bolster economic prosperity in the Greater Dallas area."

"Workforce readiness and inclusive opportunities for workforce participation are essential to achieving the Dallas Regional Chamber's mission of making our region the best place in America to live, work, and do business," said Angela Farley, COO and CFO of the Dallas Regional Chamber. "For more than 30 years, Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas has been an indelible partner as we've connected the needs of the business community with the development of our region's workers and future workers to support the prosperity of our companies and

communities while ensuring all people can lead a fulfilling life and career. We are so proud to share this award with our friends at Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas."

"Workforce boards and partners nationwide work together to catalyze economic vitality; these award recipients are inspiring proof points, demonstrating just how much good the workforce system can achieve. We at NAWB are inspired by their work and are so excited to honor their commitment," said Brad Turner-Little, President and CEO of NAWB. "These recipients are serving their communities in both innovative and impactful ways providing a model for our workforce system. NAWB is privileged to elevate their work."

The prestigious awards will be presented at The Forum 2024, a national conference held in Washington, D.C., tailored for leaders in workforce development, business, and education. Scheduled for March, The Forum promises insightful discussions and invaluable networking opportunities. For more information about The Forum, please visit <u>forum.nawb.org</u>.

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About Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas

Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas drives economic growth through effective workforce development initiatives. Collaborating with stakeholders, we empower individuals and contribute to Greater Dallas's economic prosperity. Our mission is to provide competitive solutions for employers through quality talent and ensure quality jobs for individuals. Recognized locally and nationally as a best-in-class workforce system, we engage employers, offer premier solutions, provide comprehensive employment services for job seekers, and convene critical community workforce dialogues essential for economic development. Visit www.wfsdallas.com to learn more and be part of Greater Dallas's future workforce development.

About the Dallas Regional Chamber:

The Dallas Regional Chamber, with over a century of legacy, fosters economic growth and prosperity in the vibrant Dallas-Fort Worth region. Championing pro-business policies and fostering alliances, it collaborates on critical issues like workforce development, education, infrastructure, and healthcare. Visit www.dallaschamber.org to learn more about its impact on the region's economic landscape.

About the National Association of Workforce Boards

The National Association of Workforce Boards (NAWB) represents and advocates for the nation's more than 590 Workforce Development Boards, which coordinate with education and economic development stakeholders to administer regional workforce programs which meet the needs of job seekers, businesses, and communities. For more information on NAWB's latest work and new initiatives, visit www.nawb.org.