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Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas Honored with TEDC's Workforce Excellence Award

DALLAS – The Texas Economic Development Council (TEDC) has announced the recipients of the statewide 2024 Workforce Excellence Awards, honoring Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas for its outstanding achievements in workforce development. The Workforce Excellence Award program celebrates exceptional contributions by Texas communities or regions that have successfully implemented workforce initiatives.

Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas stood out among the recipients in their respective population category for its innovative and impactful workforce programs. This award underscores the organization's dedication to enhancing workforce development and creating opportunities for the Greater Dallas community.

"Our TEDC's Workforce Excellence Award is one of the ways in which our organization honors the outstanding work done by our communities and regions, their leaders, and their economic development professionals in the area of workforce development," noted Carlton Schwab, President/CEO of the TEDC.

Carter Holston, Chairman of the Board of Directors for Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas, stated, "I am very pleased to accept this recognition on behalf of the Board of Directors. Our agile staff knew that due to the high demand for distribution space in Dallas, we would also need a workforce to match this demand. We are proud to receive this award."

"We are thrilled to be recognized with the 2024 Workforce Excellence Award," said Ashlee Verner, CPA, Interim President/CEO at Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas. "This award underscores our dedication to making a meaningful difference in our community through innovative strategies and collaborative efforts. Our initiatives have significantly enhanced the lives of job seekers and the success of businesses in the Greater Dallas area. We remain committed to excellence and will continue to implement programs that empower individuals, strengthen our workforce, and drive economic growth."

The TEDC's Workforce Development Committee reviewed and scored the applications based on five criteria: innovativeness, transferability, community commitment and leverage, measured objectives, and secondary benefits. Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas excelled in all these areas, showcasing its commitment to fostering a thriving workforce.

This recognition highlights the significant impact Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas has made in the community, providing invaluable services and support to job seekers and employers alike. Efforts have not only met but exceeded the objectives set forth, contributing to the overall economic growth and stability of the Greater Dallas area.

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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 <u>www.wfsdallas.com</u> to learn more about its services and be part of Greater Dallas's future workforce development.

About the Texas Economic Development Council (TEDC)

The TEDC was organized in 1961 and provides information, education and legislative services to its members to foster the expansion of existing businesses, the location of new firms and the development of strategies that promote a positive business climate in Texas. With approximately 1,100 members, the TEDC is the largest state economic development association in the nation. For more information on TEDC, please visit: www.texasedc.org.