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Regional Organization Recognized for its Collaboration with Industry

The West Texas Energy Consortium, a non-profit organization focused on industry collaborations, education, workforce, health and public safety initiatives; has been recognized by the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas for building opportunities in Texas and their efforts in growing a regional talent pipeline.

The Consortium is a culmination of community partners, industry and business leaders, independent school districts, regional education service centers, and post-secondary learning institutions. The driving force behind the Consortium is its staff, volunteer board and the combined efforts of three workforce boards in the region. The Concho Valley, Permian Basin and West Central Texas Workforce Development Boards have been the corner stones to the foundation that is the West Texas Energy Consortium. Their support, expertise and strong relations in the region have propelled the organization to the success it has experienced since 2013.

During it's time here in the West Texas region consortium staff and its members have been able to accomplish some great things for the region:

- Provided training for 561 high school and post-secondary students in CTE/STEM Courses
- Membership of 1,700 businesses, ISDs, colleges and individuals
- Private Projects totaling \$315,600
- Public Funded Projects totaling \$1.45million
- Provided a total of \$400,00 in dual credit and post-secondary scholarships

The Federal Reserve Bank in Dallas recognized the West Texas group alongside Houston and Dallas as exceptional models in building the pipeline of talent necessary for the economic development in the region. The West Texas Energy Consortium along with the West Central Texas Workforce Board will host Manufacturing Industry and Healthcare Industry partnership meetings next week in Abilene on January 24th and 25th. For more information on those collaborative meetings and to be a part of those; visit <http://workforcesystem.org/405/Industry-Sector-Partnerships>. Read the full Federal Reserve report at, <https://www.dallasfed.org/cd/EconDev/workforce/2017/pipelines>.