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## **Industry Partnerships to help form Abilene's Workforce Future**

Are you a manufacturer or healthcare employer that would like to take part in a sector partnership to identify opportunities and launch priority projects that will make a difference for your business and community? Then consider attending and actively participating in an intentional and integral conversation like no other. This is not an advisory committee nor is it an informational luncheon.

Manufacturing and Healthcare Leaders in West Texas will kick off industry sector partnerships later this week in two separate meetings. These will be employer driven meetings where businesses identify opportunities for sector growth and innovation. These partnerships of business leaders offer the opportunity for regional engagement within the industry and with support partners in education, workforce development, and economic development.

Business leaders from Kohler in Brownwood, Dye Mfg, in Breckenridge, Rentech Boiler Systems in Abilene and Ludlum Measurements in Sweetwater are assisting in the launch of the Manufacturing Partnership.. Business leaders from Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene, Brownwood Regional Medical Center and Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital in Sweetwater are assisting in the launch of the Healthcare Partnership.

When: January 24<sup>th</sup> (Manufacturing) January 25<sup>th</sup> (Healthcare)

Where: Region 14 ESC – South Training Facility

4300 South Treadaway Blvd.

Abilene, TX

Time: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Future partnership meetings will focus on priorities identified during launch meetings. For additional information about the collaborations, visit <http://wtxec.org/news-events/annual-event> or contact Robert Puls, Workforce Solutions (325-795-4302) or Katherine Stokes, West Texas Energy Consortium (325-795-4206).