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Dr. Ray Perryman Scheduled to Speak at the West Texas Energy Consortium's Annual Conference in June

ABILENE – Dr. Ray Perryman is scheduled to be the keynote luncheon speaker at the West Texas Energy Consortium's Annual Conference scheduled June 3-4, 2014 at the Abilene Civic Center. Dr. Perryman is Founder and President of The Perryman Group (TPG), an economic and financial analysis firm headquartered in Waco, Texas. He is widely regarded as one of the world's most influential and innovative economists. His complex modeling systems form a basis for corporate and governmental planning around the globe. His thousands of academic and trade articles and presentations span a wide variety of topics, gaining him international respect and acclaim.

Arleene Loyd, Director of Business Retention and Expansion, for the Odessa Chamber of Commerce and Consortium member states, "Not only is Dr. Perryman influential nationally and internationally, he is a genuine down to earth citizen, involved in our community, sharing his time and talents. We are proud he calls Odessa home." During his nearly 30 years of experience, he has been presented citations for his efforts from both the Congress of the United States and the Texas Legislature. Cited by major media as "a world-class scholar" and "the most quoted man in Texas," Ray Perryman is an active participant in the state, national, and world economic scenes. He has been a member of dozens of state, federal, and international task forces, served as editor of both academic and trade journals, and led conferences within the fields of economics, statistics, forecasting, modeling, and simulation. A member of several corporate boards and adviser to numerous governmental leaders, Dr. Perryman has been honored by the Texas Legislature for his "tireless efforts in helping to build a better Texas."

"The conference will bring together common stakeholders and communities to discuss the economic benefits, industry growth and community development taking place in the Cline Shale and Permian Basin region," states Regional Business Coordinator, Katherine Stokes. "We are really excited about the line-up of speakers and industry leaders that will attend our first conference." Conference tickets can be purchased online at www.regonline.com/westtexasenergyconsortium for the early bird rate of \$50 through May 16, 2014. A limited number of sponsorship opportunities and exhibitor spaces are still

available. For details, please visit www.westtexasenergyconsortium.com/annual-conference or contact Katherine Stokes at Katherine.Stokes@workforcesystem.org.