



Post Office Box 12068
Austin, Texas 78711

OFFICE OF THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
David Dewhurst

512-463-0715
512-463-0008 Fax

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
March 9, 2010

CONTACT: Rich Parsons
512/463-0715

**Lt. Governor David Dewhurst Kicks Off *Texas Back to Work*,
New Job Creation Program**

San Angelo, TX— Lt. Governor David Dewhurst is urging Texas employers to take advantage of incentives to hire unemployed Texans through the Texas Workforce Commission's new *Texas Back to Work* program.

"Every Texan who wants to work and provide for their family should be able to, and this program will help make that happen for unemployed Texans who qualify," Lt. Governor Dewhurst said. "In this challenging national recession, my number one priority is creating jobs for our citizens so our state's economy remains stronger than any other in the nation."

Lt. Governor Dewhurst led the effort in the 81st Legislature to appropriate \$15 million for the *Texas Back to Work* initiative. This two-year program provides financial incentives to Texas employers that hire Texans who are receiving unemployment benefits. Employers can receive up to \$2,000 per employee hired, as long as that person remains employed for at least 120 days. The incentive payment is intended to defray part of the cost of a new employee's wages and on-the-job training.

To promote the new job creation program, Lt. Governor Dewhurst visited Workforce Centers in San Angelo and Abilene. During his visit to San Angelo, Lt. Governor Dewhurst was joined by Senator Robert Duncan (Lubbock).

"This type of innovative program aimed at getting unemployed Texans back to work is what sets Texas apart from other states. I'm confident this kind of business friendly initiative will prove important in helping lead us out of these challenging economic times," said Senator Robert Duncan.

"I'm pleased to join with Governor Dewhurst in encouraging business owners to take advantage of this program and keep putting Texans to work. The *Texas Back to Work* initiative is just one more tool that business owners can use to create new jobs and further stimulate our state's economy," said Senator Troy Fraser (Horseshoe Bay).

For more information on how to participate in *Texas Back to Work* and other job creation programs at the Texas Workforce Commission, contact the Texas Workforce Commission at www.twc.state.tx.us. Local Workforce Board contact information can be found at www.twc.state.tx.us/dirs/wdbs/wdbmap.html.

###