

## TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION LETTER

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**To:** Local Workforce Development Board Executive Directors  
Commission Executive Offices  
Integrated Service Area Managers



**From:** Laurence M. Jones, Director, Workforce Development Division

**Subject:** **The 2008 Earned Income Tax Credit for Employed Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Recipients and Other Low-Income Workers**

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### **PURPOSE:**

This WD Letter provides Local Workforce Development Boards (Boards) with:

- information and guidance on the 2008 Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) for employed Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) recipients and other low-income workers; and
- an EITC outreach campaign kit.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Rider 12 of the General Appropriations Act, 80th Texas Legislature, Regular Session (2007) requires the Texas Workforce Commission (Commission) to assist employed TANF recipients and other low-income workers who may qualify for the federal EITC with applying for such benefits.

Rider 12 also states that the Commission may assist eligible individuals in preparing and filing income tax returns by working with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to establish Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites within Texas Workforce Centers.

### **PROCEDURES:**

Boards must ensure that the Texas Workforce Centers in their local workforce development areas (workforce areas) assist employed TANF recipients and other low-income workers who may qualify for EITC. To assist, the Commission is providing each of the 28 Boards with one hard copy of the 2008 EITC outreach campaign kit from the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, entitled "Money Talks! Have You Heard?!"

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Additional hard copies of the EITC outreach campaign kit, for \$3.00 each, may be ordered by contacting John Wanacheck by e-mail at [eickit@cbpp.org](mailto:eickit@cbpp.org), by fax at (202) 408-1056, or by telephone at (202) 408-1080. The outreach campaign kit also may be accessed in English and Spanish at <http://www.cbpp.org/eic2008>.

Boards must distribute outreach campaign kit information to Texas Workforce Center staff to promote EITC. For free information on the EITC campaign, the advance payment features, flyers, and other tax publications, contact Deborah Andrews with the IRS at (512) 499-5919 or [deborah.l.andrews@irs.gov](mailto:deborah.l.andrews@irs.gov).

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To assist eligible individuals in preparing and filing federal tax returns for calendar year 2007, Boards may provide space for VITA sites within Texas Workforce Centers in their workforce areas. VITA site volunteers will provide free assistance with preparing and filing tax returns.

**LF**

Boards interested in providing space for VITA may contact the nearest IRS regional office at the telephone numbers listed below:

**LF**

- El Paso (915) 834-6511
- Houston (281) 721-7008
- North Texas (214) 413-6060
- South Texas (512) 499-5439

**INQUIRIES:**

Direct inquiries regarding this WD Letter to [wfpolicy.clarifications@twc.state.tx.us](mailto:wfpolicy.clarifications@twc.state.tx.us).

**ATTACHMENT:**

Attachment 1: EITC outreach campaign kit: “Money Talks! Have You Heard?!”  
(hard copy only)

**RESCISSIONS:**

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**REFERENCE:**

General Appropriations Act, Article VII, Rider 12, 80th Texas Legislature, Regular Session (2007)

**FLEXIBILITY RATINGS:**

**No Local Flexibility (NLF):** This rating indicates that Boards must comply with the federal and state laws, rules, policies, and required procedures set forth in this WD Letter and have no local flexibility in determining whether and/or how to comply. All information with an NLF rating is indicated by “must” or “shall.”

**Local Flexibility (LF):** This rating indicates that Boards have local flexibility in determining whether and/or how to implement guidance or recommended practices set forth in this WD Letter. All information with an LF rating is indicated by “may” or “recommend.”