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Take Charge of Business at Texas Business Conference in Beaumont

AUSTIN — The dynamics of today's fast-paced, ever-changing economy can sometimes make it a challenge for employers to keep up with laws affecting their businesses and workers. That's why the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) is inviting Beaumont-area business owners and managers to the Texas Business Conference (TBC) on Friday, February 8.

"The conference will help Texas employers familiarize themselves with laws affecting them and their workers," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ron Lehman. "Employers will be provided with the tools they need to promote successful business practices."

Employers will learn how to avoid costly pitfalls when operating a business and learn techniques to more effectively manage employees. Commissioner Lehman and his staff will present practical, up-to-date information and high-tech tools for finding workers.

Agency attorneys and staff will discuss employee handbooks, hiring and retention, firing, workplace investigations, Unemployment Insurance (UI), UI tax credits, wage and hour laws, workers' compensation and more. Participants will receive a current TBC handbook, as well as the latest edition of the popular publication, *Especially for Texas Employers*, which addresses basic legal issues in hiring, post-employment problems and work separation policy. The conference offers six hours of continuing education for participating certified public accountants, as well as other general professional credit.

The conference will be from 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites Beaumont-Plaza, 3950 I-10 South and Walden Road in Beaumont. Registration is from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

Registration is \$85 per person and is nonrefundable. Interested attendees may complete registration forms online at <http://www.texasworkforce.org/twcinfo/tbcforms/tbcform.html> and mail them with the fee payable to: Texas Business Conference — TWC, Texas Workforce Commission, 101 E. 15th St., Room 218, Austin, TX 78778, or register at the door at 7:30 a.m. the day of the event.

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