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## **Texas Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst to Launch Groundbreaking Economic Summit in January**

*Businessman T. Boone Pickens to Present Keynote Address*

AUSTIN –Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst will present opening remarks at the upcoming economic summit, *Putting America Back to Work*, scheduled for January 15 through 16, 2009 in Austin and hosted by the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC).

Top business and government leaders will gather to address critical regional and national economic challenges facing our nation today. Lt. Gov. Dewhurst will join experts on the economy, energy and manufacturing including:

- Texas Commissioner of Agriculture Todd Staples
- BP Capital Management Chairman T. Boone Pickens
- TWC Chairman Tom Pauken
- Texas Public Utility Commission Chairman Barry Smitherman
- Former Texas Secretary of State Phil Wilson, Senior Vice President of Public Affairs, Luminant

“The United States is at an economic tipping point,” says TWC Chairman Tom Pauken. “Now is the time for serious, long-term thinking on the major economic issues facing America.”

Following a keynote address by T. Boone Pickens, panel discussions will address Lessening Our Dependence on Foreign Energy, The Texas Economic Model, Rebuilding Our Manufacturing Base, and Challenges of Our Business Tax Structure.

Texas business, economic development and education leaders are invited to attend this important event to share ideas and develop strategies to move Texas forward during these challenging economic times.

To register, visit the TWC Web site at <http://www.twc.state.tx.us/events.html#back2work>. Seating is limited. The conference will be held at the Omni Austin Hotel at Southpark, 4140 Governor’s Row. Special conference hotel room rates are available for \$85 plus tax before January 5, 2009.

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