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TWC Co-Sponsors 2010 Texas Science and Engineering Fair

AUSTIN – The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) is continuing its commitment to the success of tomorrow’s workforce through its co-sponsorship of the ExxonMobil Texas Science and Engineering Fair for the ninth consecutive year. Outstanding Texas students will compete in the fair hosted by the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) from Friday, April 9, through Monday, April 12, at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio.

“The Texas Workforce Commission is proud to be one of the sponsors of the Texas Science and Engineering Fair,” said TWC Commissioner Representing the Public Andres Alcantar. “Employers express a critical need for technologically advanced workers with strong math and science backgrounds, and events like this allow students to develop skills that increase their ability to become the innovators that will transform society and the way we live.”

Sen. Leticia Van de Putte of San Antonio will be the keynote speaker at the science fair. The statewide competition is for Texas middle and high school students who qualified at regional competitions. More than 1,000 students are expected to compete at the fair for scholarships and other special awards.

The Texas Science and Engineering Fair is officially sanctioned by the Society for Science & the Public, the annual host of the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF).

Winners from the ExxonMobil science fair’s senior division will qualify for the Intel ISEF competition in San Jose, Calif., in May. The top 30 senior division winners earn a spot at the Governor’s Science and Technology Champions Academy weeklong residential summer camp at UTSA, which also is sponsored by TWC. The camp will feature subjects such as gene targeting and biotechnology.

Along with ExxonMobil and TWC, fair co-sponsors include UTSA, defense contractors KBR and TASC, and several major science and engineering industry employers.

Entries will be judged throughout the day on Sunday, April 11, with winning projects announced during an awards ceremony the following day. More information about the ExxonMobil Texas Science and Engineering Fair is available online at <http://emtsef.utsa.edu/>.

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