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**2024 Statewide Initiative  
Rural Working Group – Participant List  
Discussion Paper**

10 **Background**

11 On September 11, 2023, while discussing Fiscal Year 2024 Statewide Initiatives, the  
12 Commission directed staff to convene a Rural Workforce Working Group. The Commissioners  
13 asked staff to propose a list of Working Group participants for approval by the Commission.  
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15 **Decision Point**

16 Staff recommends the following organizations and community colleges be invited as participants  
17 in the Rural Workforce Working Group as a part of the previously approved Fiscal Year 2024  
18 Statewide Initiatives.  
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20 **Business/Economic Development Organizations:**

- 21 - Texas Midwest Community Network
- 22 - The High Ground of Texas
- 23 - Texas Rural Funders
- 24 - Texas Forest Country Partnership
- 25 - Association of Rural Communities in Texas (ARCIT)
- 26 - Texas Organization of Rural and Community Hospitals (TORCH)
- 27 - Texas Rural Health Association (TRHA)

28 **Rural Community Colleges:**

- 29 - Lamar St. College (Orange)
- 30 - South Plains College
- 31 - Ranger College
- 32 - Kilgore College
- 33 - Texas State Technical College
- 34 - Vernon College
- 35 - Laredo Community College