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## **WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS BORDERPLEX CONGRATULATES LAST COHORT OF COMPTIA GRADUATES**

**El Paso, Texas (April 3, 2018)** – Workforce Solutions Borderplex is pleased to announce the last cohort of graduates of the dynamic CompTIA Cyber-Security Technology certification program. El Paso had the honor of hosting the CompTIA program, which was the first of its kind offered in the border region. The graduation ceremony will take place on **Thursday, April 5, 2018 at Famous Dave's (1135 Airway Blvd) at 5:00pm. MEDIA IS INVITED TO COVER THIS EVENT.**

Candidates who complete the intense, customized 12-week training program are awarded five IT-recognized certifications in IT fundamentals, A+, Network+, Security+, and CSA+. This innovative training program focuses on enrolling transitioning soldiers, veterans, and military spouses. To gain entrance into the program, candidates undergo a complex IT assessment, they are then interviewed and selected based upon their test score and interview rankings. Once selected, candidates must sign a commitment to complete the course.

The Computing Technology Industry Association (CompTIA) is the leading provider of vendor-neutral IT certifications in the world. According to Steve Morgan, Editor in Chief of Cybersecurity Ventures, "There will be 3.5 million cybersecurity job openings by 2021, as Cybercrime is predicted to more than triple the number of job openings over the next five years."

As cybersecurity becomes a greater focus at the state, federal and international levels of government, and with the Texas Cybersecurity Act becoming public law in 2017, the value of a CompTIA certificate has become an instrumental tool for IT experts. The Texas Cybersecurity Act sets certain requirements that all agencies will be required to follow relating to cybersecurity, including assessing state agency vulnerability to cyberattacks, increasing efforts to protect sensitive and confidential data, narrowing the workforce skills gap, and ensuring agencies have incident response plans.

Over 91% of hiring managers indicate that CompTIA certifications are valuable in validating expertise. This high-demand program provides its students with invaluable tools to become assets for companies and special agencies.

Workforce Solutions Borderplex thanks the many partners involved in this innovative and high-demand program including Wells Fargo, Fort Bliss, and Park University, who graciously hosted the class. Congratulations to the Class of 2018!

## ABOUT WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS BORDERPLEX

Workforce Solutions Borderplex is a non-profit organization that provides skilled workers for employers by advancing education, employment, entrepreneurship and economic development opportunities. Its service region encompasses Brewster, Culberson, El Paso, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis and Presidio counties. The organizational goal is to empower the most dynamic workforce to achieve global competitiveness and regional prosperity. The organization consists of a 24-member Board of Directors responsible for strategic guidance and policy governance to achieve goals focusing on employment, education and economic development. Funding is sourced from the Department of Labor, the Department of Health and Human Services and Department of Agriculture.

For more information about the CompTIA program and/or Workforce Solutions Borderplex, please contact Romie Ruiz at (915) 887-2221 or visit our website at [www.borderplexjobs.com](http://www.borderplexjobs.com).

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