

## **WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS BORDERPLEX TO HOST AGRICULTURAL EMPLOYER CONFERENCE IN EL PASO**

**El Paso, Texas – January 17, 2018** - Workforce Solutions Borderplex (WSB), along with its partner at the New Mexico Workforce Connection, will host the 2018 Agricultural Employer Conference on Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at the Radisson Hotel El Paso Airport located at 1770 Airway Boulevard. The event runs from 7:00a.m. to 3:30p.m. Employers in the agricultural industry will learn about topics such as compensation, housing inspections for migrant seasonal farmworkers, sex discrimination, labor and wage hour division, and immigration. A notable presentation will be made by [Christopher Wilson](#) of the Wilson Center on NAFTA – US/Mexico Trade. An entire program agenda and registration information can be found at <https://www.ag-growers.com/>

“We are pleased to bring this annual event here in El Paso. Both Texas and New Mexico business owners, managers, foremen, and administrative staff, as well as farm labor contractors in the agricultural industry will benefit from this conference,” said Joyce Wilson, CEO of Workforce Solutions Borderplex.

For more information about the event, please contact Orlando Rodriguez, Employment Service Unit Manager, Workforce Solutions Borderplex, at (915) 887-2071 or [orlando.rodriguez@borderplexjobs.com](mailto:orlando.rodriguez@borderplexjobs.com).

### **About Workforce Solutions Borderplex**

Workforce Solutions Borderplex is a non-profit organization aimed to help improve the quality of life in a six-county region. That region encompasses the counties of Brewster, Culberson, El Paso, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis and Presidio. The organization consists of a 27-member Board of Directors responsible for strategic guidance and policy governance to achieve goals focusing on employment, education and economic development. Funding comes from the Department of Labor, the Department of Health and Human Services and Department of Agriculture. For more information about the organization please visit [www.borderplexjobs.com](http://www.borderplexjobs.com)

### **About Christopher Wilson**

Christopher Wilson is Deputy Director of the Mexico Institute at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, where he leads the Institute’s research and programming on regional economic integration and U.S.-Mexico border affairs. He is the author and editor of numerous reports, including *Growing Together: Economic Ties between the United States and Mexico* (Wilson Center, 2017) and the *State of the Border Report*. Chris has testified before the United States Congress and is regularly consulted by national and international media outlets regarding U.S.-Mexico relations. He has written opinion columns for the *Wall Street Journal*, *Politico*, *CNN*, and *Reuters*, among others. Chris previously worked as a contractor doing Mexico analysis for the U.S. military and as a researcher at American University’s Center for North American Studies. In Mexico, he worked at an international trade consultancy and with American students studying regional political and social issues. He is a member of the Transportation Research Board Committee on International Trade and Transportation, one of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine technical committees designed to provide independent, objective analysis to inform public policy decisions. Chris completed his M.A. in International Affairs at American University, focusing on U.S. foreign policy and hemispheric relations.



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