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**Workforce Solutions Borderplex Wins 2018 Workforce Excellence Award**

**(El Paso, TX) July 17, 2018** – Workforce Solutions Borderplex (WSB) has been awarded the 2018 Workforce Excellence Award by the Texas Economic Development Council (TEDC) for its outstanding CompTIA Cyber-Security Technology Certification program.

The TEDC Workforce Excellence Award program recognizes exceptional contributions by a Texas community or region that has implemented successful workforce initiatives. TEDC recognized WSB's CompTIA Cyber-Security Technology Certification program that challenged veterans and transitioning soldiers to complete an intense, customized 12-week training program that would prepare them to earn the five highly-coveted, IT-recognized certifications in IT fundamentals, A+, Network+, Security+, and CSA+.

Although all Veterans face unique challenges readjusting to civilian life, one of the most significant challenges they will undergo is finding high-growth, civilian career pathways. Workforce Solutions Borderplex (WSB), committed to using its precious resources to achieve the highest return on its investment, launched a high-impact program that capitalized on vets' skills and converted those talents into high-demand job roles.

Over 91% of hiring managers indicate that CompTIA certifications are essential in validating expertise. This high-demand program provided students with invaluable tools to become assets for companies where starting salaries for specialized roles are highly competitive. A program of this caliber will greatly impact the economies of the Borderplex region and the State of Texas.

Workforce Solutions Borderplex thanks the many partners involved in this innovative program, with special thanks to Wells Fargo, whose tremendous generosity helped veterans and transitioning soldiers work towards achieving their dreams in the civilian world through this dynamic program. The CompTIA Cyber-Security Technology Certification program also received matching funds through the Texas Industry Partnership grant.

For more information about CompTIA Cyber-Security Technology Certification program, please contact Romie Ruiz at (915) 887-2221.

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## ABOUT WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS BORDERPLEX

Workforce Solutions Borderplex (WSB) is a non-profit organization that aligns and creates opportunities for skilled workers and employers by advancing education, employment, entrepreneurship and economic development prospects in support of global competitiveness and regional prosperity. The organization's service region encompasses Brewster, Culberson, El Paso, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis and Presidio counties. For more information about Workforce Solutions Borderplex, please contact Romie Ruiz at (915) 887-2221 or visit [www.borderplexjobs.com](http://www.borderplexjobs.com).

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