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LIFT Grant Launches Free IT Training Program

(El Paso, TX) September 5, 2017 – Workforce Solutions Borderplex (WSB) is pleased to announce that the first class of participants in the Wells Fargo NeighborhoodLIFT-funded IT training program has begun. 145 applicants tested for a top spot in the class, reserved for only 18 students. The first class will be trained, at no cost to the participant, over the course of 12 weeks in an intensive CompTIA cyber-security technology certification program. The LIFT program focuses on training transitioning soldiers, veterans, and military spouses.

"Graduates of the IT training will finish the course in just 3 months but their credentials upon completion will afford them the ability to apply for jobs with significant income opportunities as well as transferable skills should they relocate out of the borderplex market," said Joyce Wilson, CEO of Workforce Solutions Borderplex. "WSB thanks the many partners involved in launching this innovative and high-demand program, including Wells Fargo, Fort Bliss, and Park University who is graciously hosting the initial class."

The next course will run from January through April 2018 Monday through Friday from 8:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. Interested applicants should set an appointment with Cristina Solorzano to get more information. Select active soldiers at Ft. Bliss may also qualify for the course.

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About Wells Fargo NeighborhoodLIFT Grant

Workforce Solutions Borderplex, Inc. was awarded a \$125,000 grant to partially fund a year-long initiative to train and place veterans into in-demand occupations in El Paso. The long-term goal is to build a pathway for economic prosperity that will lead to homeownership and other financially sustaining outcomes for participants. Approximately 60 veteran program participants are expected to achieve certification training in information technology and construction. Support services will be provided to prep participants in financial literacy, credit repair and loan application activities as they complete training. To date, NeighborhoodLIFT has created about two dozen homeowners in El Paso by offering homebuyer education plus matching down payment assistance grants up to \$7,500.

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