

Workforce Solutions Texoma Press Release

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Denison Industries and Workforce Solutions Texoma Honored at Texas Workforce Conference

SHERMAN – Denison Industries received the Employer Award of Excellence from Workforce Solutions Texoma (Texoma) at the Texas Workforce Commission’s (TWC) 15th Annual Texas Workforce Conference held November 30 – December 2 in Houston. The Employer Award of Excellence honors employers that are actively involved with their local workforce board and have made a positive impact on employers, workers and the community.

Denison Industries serves the aerospace, automotive, commercial and defense industries, producing quality aluminum castings at its plant in Sherman, Texas. A partner with Texoma and in the local community, Denison Industries uses WorkInTexas.com to post job openings and recruits employees by actively participating in Texoma Career Connection, the region’s annual job fair. Denison Industries also reaches out to the local community through programs like Business Education for Teachers, where teachers spend a week learning how what they teach in the classroom transfers to the local workforce community.

Denison Industries has participated in the Real Life Math project, providing speakers at local high schools to explain to students how math is used in the work world every day. Denison Industries also participated in the *Texas Back to Work* program, hiring three employees who were previously unemployment insurance claimants. Denison Industries was among four local companies recognized for Extraordinary Support of Workforce Programs at Workforce Solutions Texoma’s Fifteenth Anniversary celebration in October.

Texoma was recognized for outstanding board performance, including a \$25,000 Performance Incentive Award for maintaining the Lowest Percent of Child Care Expenditures on Administrative and Operations Costs. Monetary awards for achievement in these categories will be used to enhance board service programs during the next year.

“The hard-working men and women of Texas receive additional tools for success through the efforts of local workforce boards,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. “I congratulate Denison Industries and Workforce Solutions Texoma for their partnership and service to the workers and communities of Texas.”

Workforce Solutions Texoma is one of 28 local workforce boards located throughout the state. Texoma serves Cooke, Fannin and Grayson counties. The primary goal of TWC and the workforce boards is to respond to needs of Texas employers and workers through locally designed market-driven workforce development initiatives and services. All employers, workers and job seekers are eligible to take advantage of these services.

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Seated, L-R: **Annette Johnson**, Human Resources Manager, Denison Industries; **Asa Jessee**, Chair, Texoma Workforce Development Board. Standing: **Bob Rhoden**, Director of External Relations, Workforce Solutions Texoma

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L – R: **Ron Congleton**, Commissioner, Texas Workforce Commission; **Terrence Steele**, Workforce Solutions Texoma; **Candy VanSant**, Texoma Workforce Development Board; **Jared Wokenfuss**, Workforce Solutions Texoma; **Marsha Lindsay**, Workforce Solutions Texoma; **Janet Gott**, Texoma Workforce Development Board; **Sam Ciani**, Texoma Workforce Development Board; **Tom Pauken**, Chair, Texas Workforce Commission; **Bob Rhoden**, Workforce Solutions Texoma; **Deborah Hendley**, Workforce Solutions Texoma; **Asa Jessee**, Chair, Texoma Workforce Development Board; **Andres Alcantar**, Commissioner, Texas Workforce Commission