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STIMULUS BOOSTS SUMMER YOUTH PROGRAM

(El Paso, Texas) President Barack Obama's American Recovery and Investment Act of 2009 is boosting programs administered by Workforce Solutions Upper Rio Grande, especially the Youth Program. The Act, signed into law, February 17, includes a total allotment of \$1,188,000,000 for Workforce Investment Act Youth Activities. Of that allotment, Texas is slated to receive the second biggest amount \$82,000,708. That amount will be divided amongst the 28 workforce boards in Texas.

Final calculations have not been released, but the money will be allocated via a formula that will consider unemployment and the number of economically disadvantaged youth. The Upper Rio Grande region is estimated to receive an estimated \$4.5 million to serve 2,000-3,000 youth ages 14-24. The money will help the Board provide summer employment (180 hours per participant @ minimum wage) and career exploration classes.

Youth interested in the program should call 887-2124 for an appointment. Recruiting will begin Saturday March 14 at area shopping malls.

Program Eligibility Criteria:

- Must meet income guidelines
- Between the ages 14-24
- Complete testing and orientation
- Must be willing to work for 180 hrs, average of 30hrs per week

Recovery Act by the Numbers:

WIA Youth
Total: \$1,188,000,000
Texas: \$82,000,708

WIA Dislocated Worker
Total: \$1,435,500,000
Texas: \$53,768,305

WIA Adult
Total: \$495,000,000
Texas: \$34,344,771

Employment Service
(Wagner-Peyser)
Total: \$396,000,000
Texas: \$27,188,088

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