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Texas Workforce Commission Executive Director Elected President-Elect of National Workforce Association

AUSTIN – Larry Temple, Executive Director of the Texas Workforce Commission, was elected President-elect of the National Association of State Workforce Agencies (NASWA), September 8, 2006 at the association's annual Board of Director's meeting in Boise, Idaho. NASWA is a national organization of state directors of workforce services whose mission is to coordinate local, state, and federal roles in workforce development. Mr. Temple has been a member of the NASWA Board of Director's since 2003 where he also served as Chair of the Administration and Finance Committee and Co-chair of the Communications Committee.

Larry is the Executive Director of the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC), a state agency with an operating budget of approximately \$1.2 billion in addition to the issuance of \$2 billion in unemployment insurance benefits annually. TWC has oversight of the state's employment, training, welfare reform, childcare, and unemployment insurance programs and delivers these services to its 254 counties through a network of 28 local workforce development boards.

Temple began his public-sector career in 1992, when he was named deputy director of the Mississippi Department of Human Services. His successes in Mississippi led him to Texas in 1997, where he was named director of TWC's Office of Welfare Reform and later deputy executive director.

He serves as a member of the State's P-16 Council, which coordinates educational policy between Pre-k and 12 public education and higher education. He also serves on the Texas Workforce Investment Council, whose charge is to develop strategic planning and evaluation that promotes a well educated and highly skilled workforce.

Temple brings to the job over 20 years of private-sector management experience in energy, retail and real estate development. Temple holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from St. Edwards University where he serves as a member of the Advisory Council.

"I am humbled and honored to be selected President-elect of this fine organization, particularly as this is a vote by my colleagues around the nation," said Larry Temple. "Texas has long been recognized as a national leader in workforce development, through high performance cash bonuses and other awards. I have given my pledge to the board members from the other states that I will do my best to live up to those same standards while serving them as President-elect of NASWA."

The Texas Workforce Commission is a state agency dedicated to helping Texas employers, workers and communities prosper economically. For details on TWC and the programs it offers in unison with its network of local workforce development boards, call (512) 463-8556 or visit www.texasworkforce.org.

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