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TWC Co-Sponsors 2008 Texas Science and Engineering Fair

AUSTIN – The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) is continuing its commitment to the success of tomorrow’s workforce by renewing its annual co-sponsorship of the ExxonMobil Texas Science and Engineering Fair. Outstanding Texas students will compete in the fair that the University of Texas-San Antonio (UTSA) will host from Thursday, April 10, through Saturday, April 12, at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio.

“The Texas Workforce Commission has supported the Texas Science and Engineering Fair for seven years because employers increasingly have expressed a critical need for technologically advanced workers who have strong math and science backgrounds,” said TWC Executive Director Larry Temple. “By supporting today’s students, TWC recognizes the importance of encouraging the study of science and engineering, the foundation of many of tomorrow’s high-demand, high-skill jobs.”

The science fair is officially sanctioned by the Society for Science & the Public, the annual presenter of the International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF). The statewide competition is for Texas high school and middle school students who qualify at regional competitions. More than 1,000 students are expected to compete at the fair for scholarships and other special awards. The winners from the senior division will have the opportunity to advance to the ISEF competition in Atlanta in May. Those who rank in the top 10 percent of the junior division may apply to attend the Discovery Channel Young Scientist Challenge this fall in Washington, D.C.

Supported by TWC, the Texas Science Careers Consortium (TSCC) is a coalition of science and technology deans from colleges and universities across the state dedicated to addressing issues facing Texas employers and job seekers in these fields. Along with ExxonMobil, fair co-sponsors include TSCC, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, and several major science and engineering industry employers.

Entries will be judged throughout the day Friday, April 11, with winning projects announced during award ceremonies the following day. More information about the ExxonMobil Texas Science and Engineering Fair is available online at <http://emtsef.utsa.edu/>.

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