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Take Charge of Business at Texas Business Conference in Houston

AUSTIN — The dynamics of today’s fast-paced, ever-changing economy can sometimes make it a challenge for employers to keep up with laws affecting their businesses and workers. To address that, the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) is inviting Houston-area business owners and managers to the Texas Business Conference (TBC) on Friday, July 11.

“The conference will help Texas employers familiarize themselves with laws affecting them and their workers,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ron Lehman. “Employers will be provided with the tools they need to promote successful business practices.”

Employers will learn how to avoid costly pitfalls when operating a business and learn techniques to more effectively manage employees. Commissioner Lehman and his staff will present practical, up-to-date information and high-tech tools for finding workers.

Agency attorneys and staff will discuss employee handbooks, hiring and retention, firing, workplace investigations, Unemployment Insurance (UI), preparing for UI hearings, wage and hour laws, workers’ compensation and more. Participants will receive the latest edition of the popular publication *Especially for Texas Employers*, which addresses basic legal issues regarding hiring, post-employment problems and work separation policy. Individuals who attend can earn six hours of continuing education for participating certified public accountants, as well as other general professional credit.

The conference is from 8:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. at the Westin Galleria Hotel, 5060 W. Alabama St., in Houston. Check-in is from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m.

Registration is \$85 per person and is nonrefundable. Interested attendees may download registration forms online at <http://www.texasworkforce.org/twcinfo/tbcforms/tbcform.html> and mail them with the fee payable to: Texas Business Conference — TWC, Texas Workforce Commission, 101 E. 15th St., Room 218, Austin, TX 78778. Because space is limited, it is recommended that participants register as soon as possible.

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