

You're Invited to Attend the Business & Education Workforce Symposium Golden Triangle Region

Date: Wednesday, May 28th
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (*lunch will be provided*)
Where: Lamar State College – Port Arthur, Parker Multipurpose Center
Address: 1800 Lakeshore Drive; Port Arthur, Texas 77641
RSVP: Click here <https://www.lamarpa.edu/symposium/> to register

Join stakeholders throughout industry, public education and higher education to learn, discuss, and collaborate on the vital issues of workforce development and education reform under the state's new laws and regulations. There will be no cost to attend this event. Lunch will be provided, but preregistration is required. Please preregister by noon on Friday, May 23.

Who Should Attend? Industry facility/site leaders, human resources and procurement professionals, company workforce coordinators, contractors, school district superintendents, administrators, college and career counselors, CTE coordinators, college chancellors, presidents and administrators who coordinate admissions, workforce readiness, dual credit courses and articulation credits.

A *partial* list of invited symposium stakeholders includes:

Lamar State College – Port Arthur	Lamar Institute of Technology	Lamar State College – Orange	
Region 5 Education Service Center	Beaumont ISD	Bridge City ISD	Nederland ISD
Port Neches – Groves ISD	Sabine Pass ISD	Port Arthur ISD	Vidor ISD
West Orange – Cove Consolidated ISD		Lumberton ISD	Silsbee ISD
Little Cyprus – Mauriceville Consolidated ISD		Hardin – Jefferson ISD	
Hamshire – Fannett ISD	Kountze ISD	Orangefield ISD	
Industry of Southeast Texas (ISET)	Texas Chemical Council	Texas Oil & Gas Association	
Texas Association of Manufacturers	Associated Builders and Contractors – Southeast Texas Chapter		
Beaumont Chamber of Commerce	Association of Chemical Industry of Texas		
Southeast Texas Economic Dev. Foundation (REDI Committee)		Winnie Area Chamber of Commerce	
Greater Orange Area Chamber	Vidor Chamber of Commerce	Port Arthur Chamber of Commerce	
Bridge City Chamber of Commerce	Groves Chamber of Commerce	Nederland Chamber of Commerce	
Port Neches Chamber of Commerce	Port of Port Arthur	Lumberton Chamber of Commerce	
Baptist Hospitals of Southeast Texas			
Representative Joe Deshotel	Representative Allan Ritter	Representative James White	
Local elected officials from cities and counties across the region			
Texas Workforce Commission	Workforce Solutions of Southeast Texas		

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9:30-10:15	Check In	Networking & Coffee
10:15-10:30	Welcome	Hector Rivero, President & CEO – Texas Chemical Council The Honorable Joe Deshotel – Texas House of Representatives District 25
10:30-10:45	Regional Economic Outlook	Jim Rich, President – Greater Beaumont Chamber of Commerce
10:45-11:00	Overview House Bill 5	Candyce Tompkins, Program Coordinator – Region 5 Education Service Center
11:00-11:30	Business & Industry Panel	Moderator: John Durkay, General Counsel – Industry of Southeast Texas (ISET) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greg Gentry, Vice President & General Manager – Valero Port Arthur Refinery, and Chairman of Industry of Southeast Texas (ISET) • Larry Kelley, Jr., Deputy Port Director – Port of Port Arthur • Don Empfield, General Manager – Zachry • Kimberly Bernard, Director of Education – ABC Southeast Texas Chapter • Deborah Verret, Director of HR & Risk Management – Baptist Hospitals of Southeast Texas • Aaron Demerson, Director of Employer Initiatives – Texas Workforce Commission
11:30-11:50	Q&A	Audience questions for the Business & Industry Panel
11:50-12:30	Lunch Break	Buffet lunch
12:30-1:00	Education Panel	Moderator: Dr. Danny Lovett, Executive Director – Region 5 Education Service Center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Mark Porterie, Superintendent – Port Arthur ISD • Dr. Sam Monroe, President – Lamar State College - Port Arthur • Dr. Shannon Holmes, Superintendent – Hardin-Jefferson ISD • Dr. Paul Szuch, President – Lamar Institute of Technology • Mike King, Superintendent – Bridge City ISD • Dr. J. Michael Shahan, President – Lamar State College - Orange
1:00-1:30	Q&A	Audience questions for the Education Panel
1:30-1:55	Table Talks	TBD
1:55-2:00	Close	Dr. Sam Monroe, President – Lamar State College - Port Arthur

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