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Regional Conference for Community Leaders

ABILENE, Texas – The Texas Midwest Community Network will host the 18th Annual Texas Midwest Conference, Oct. 19, at the Abilene Civic Center. The theme for the conference is “Energizing Communities”.

City and county officials, economic development professionals and board members, chamber of commerce executives and board members, civic volunteers and student leaders attend the annual conference to learn more about the resources and services available to benefit communities. This year’s keynote speaker is Mayor Bob Dixson of Greensburg, KS. He will share an unbelievable story of recovery after the community was flattened by a tornado in 2007. Features of the annual conference include: Solution Seminars, Information Expo, luncheon catered by Perini Ranch Steakhouse and community awards.

The TMCN annual conference is the only event in the region to provide access in one day to so many agencies, organizations and businesses that provide resources and services to rural communities. Participants in this year’s Info Expo include: Abilene Regional Airport, Abilene Regional Medical Center, Big Country AHEC, Choice Facility Partners, Cisco College, Digital Impact Outdoors, Hibbs & Todd Engineers, Hendrick Health System, Howard College, Jacob & Martin Engineers, Langford Community Management Services, Merritt, McLain & Hamby CPA, The Retail Coach, Terracon Consultants, Texas Center for Rural Entrepreneurship, TCEQ, TDA, TXDOT, Texas Rural Innovators, Texas Tech SBDC, TSTC West Texas, USDA Rural Development, WCT Council of Governments, West Texas Innovation Network and Workforce Solutions of WCT.

TMCN member cities include: Abilene, Albany, Anson, Aspermont, Baird, Ballinger, Brady, Breckenridge, Bronte, Brownwood, Buffalo Gap, Cisco, Clyde, Coleman, Colorado City, Comanche, Cross Plains, De Leon, Dublin, Early, Eastland, Eden, Goldthwaite, Gorman, Hamilton, Hamlin, Haskell, Hico, Knox City, Menard, Merkel,

Miles, Munday, Ranger, Rising Star, Robert Lee, Roscoe, Rotan, San Angelo, San Saba Santa Anna, Snyder, Stamford, Sweetwater, Throckmorton, Tye, and Winters.

TMCN predicts that 375 individuals will be in attendance and the Abilene Convention and Visitors Bureau estimates that this event will generate \$17,200 into the local economy.

For complete details on the conference or to register, visit www.texasmidwest.org or call 325-795-8626.

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