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GOVERNOR'S JOB MATCHING CAMPAIGN
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PLANS FINALIZED FOR FIRST JOB MATCHING FAIR

Reagan Brown, special assistant to Governor Dolph Briscoe and chairman of the Job Matching Campaign, outlined goals of the upcoming Amarillo Job Matching Fair at a recent organizational meeting of sponsoring groups.

"During phase one of TEXAS FIRST, the Job Creation Campaign, business leaders told Governor Briscoe that a lack of qualified workers was a major impediment to their economic expansion," Brown said. "This is especially true in Amarillo where the unemployment rate is only 3.4 percent---a reflection of the number of unfilled job slots in an area bursting with industry."

Attending the meeting were representatives of area business; the Amarillo, Pampa and Spearman chambers of commerce; the Texas Association of Business; Amarillo College; Texas Panhandle Community Action Corporation; Panhandle Regional Planning Council; Texas Employment Commission; and Texas Industrial Commission.

The day-long Amarillo Job Matching Fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. December 11 in the Women's Gym at Amarillo College. Participating industries will have booths in the gym, and prospective employes will be directed

to the right interviewers who have openings calling for their experience and skill.

Posters announcing the job fair were distributed and will soon be appearing throughout the Panhandle encouraging unemployed and underemployed people to attend. Prescreening of individual skills will be conducted at the TEC offices and the Texas Panhandle CAC neighborhood centers. The Panhandle CAC will also help solve transportation difficulties for job-seekers.

FROM OUR LOCAL COORDINATORS...

Five Orange industries were honored for their participation in TEXAS FIRST at the Texas Industrial Commission's quarterly meeting in that city. Local TEXAS FIRST Coordinator Bennie Johnson presented citations to Gulf Oil Chemical Co., Equitable Bag Co., Inc., Owens-Illinois, American Bridge Division and DuPont.

The Brownwood C of C honored three firms for fulfilling their TEXAS FIRST pledges. H. Raymond Beck Jr., executive vice-president of the chamber, said recipients were George Pruitt of Texas Brick Co., Don Burns of Roto Cast Plastic Products and Robert Blake of West Texas Printing Co.

