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GOVERNOR'S JOB MATCHING CAMPAIGN

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PERMIAN BASIN JOB MATCHING FAIR

Midland and Odessa will host the next TEXAS FIRST Job Matching Fair March 26, according to Chairman Reagan Brown.

The Permian Basin Job Matching Fair was given the go-ahead after the third in a series of planning meetings with the Midland and Odessa chambers of commerce and Texas Employment Commission offices, the Texas Association of Business, the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission and area employers.

This is the second in a series of job fairs being conducted throughout the state to match job-seekers with job openings on a statewide basis. Initial responses from local companies show nearly 40 employers have more than 300 job openings, especially for skilled workers, and these figures are expected to more than double prior to the job fair.

Job-seekers from all over the state are invited to apply for work during the day-long Saturday job fair. TEC statistics indicate there are less than 2,500 potential workers in the two counties to fill the hundreds of vacancies. Anyone looking for work is encouraged to contact a local TEC office and ask to have their qualifications sent to the Midland and Odessa TEC offices.

Many of the jobs are oil-field related, with openings throughout Texas and in foreign countries. Other openings include radio technology, food service and construction.

Plans are underway at the two sponsoring chambers of commerce--Midland and Odessa--for an advertising and information campaign to recruit workers from all over Texas and out of state as well.

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TEMPLE CANCELS JOB FAIR

Jim Hestand, executive vice-president of the Temple Chamber of Commerce, has withdrawn from plans for the Temple Job Matching Fair.

During planning for the fairs, there are several "go, no-go" points, one of which is based on the interest of local employers. The Temple job fair was canceled because the minimum number of jobs necessary for a fair could not be listed.

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DISCUSSIONS UNDERWAY FOR OTHER FAIR SITES

Plans are firming up for job fairs in El Paso, San Angelo and Fort Worth. Any interested cities should contact the Texas Industrial Commission.

