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PRESS RELEASE/PRESS CONFERENCE

County Judge Carlos H. Cascos will hold a *Press Conference on Wednesday, June 9, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at Ecological Services International Inc. in Los Fresnos, Texas*, to promote the *Texas Back to Work*, an initiative that offers Texas Employers an incentive for hiring out-of-work Texans.

Texas employers can receive monetary incentives for hiring unemployed workers under a two-year \$15 million program promoted by Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and funded by the Legislature last session. Through the new program, some employers who hire people receiving unemployment benefits can receive a portion of the new employees wages for a set period of time. Employers can receive up to \$2,000 per employee hired, if they continue to employ the formerly out-of-work employee for at least 120 days. The incentive payment is intended to defray part of the cost of a new employee's wage and on-the-job training.

Ecological Services International Inc. located at 41786 FM 510 in Los Fresnos, Texas has already taken advantage of this program. "The Texas Back to Work program played a key role in our decision to increase our workforce early in anticipation of an upcoming major project. We are pleased that Texas is taking the initiative in getting meaningful employment for workers receiving unemployment" stated Mr. Paul Seales, CEO of Ecological Services International, Inc.

Texas Back to Work is available to employers through Workforce Solutions Cameron, which also provides employers with workforce recruitment assistance, pre-screening of qualified applicants and training programs.

Employers interested in participating should contact Workforce Solutions Cameron at the Harlingen office at 956-425-6461 (Harlingen) or the Brownsville office at 956-547-5040 to learn about all options available in Cameron County and to help put *Texas Back to Work*.

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