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Cameron County Judge Carlos H. Cascos will hold a Press Conference Wednesday, May 20, 2009 at 11:00 a.m., in the Cameron County Courthouse (Dancy Building), Commissioners' Courtroom, 2nd Floor, 1100 E. Monroe Street, Brownsville, Texas, to announce a Workforce Solutions Cameron program which will employ up to 575 young adults this summer.

Workforce Solutions Cameron will unveil **JOBS4YOUTH**, a grant sponsored initiative totaling \$1,207,765 which will provide up to 575 jobs this summer for our young adults living throughout Cameron County.

JOBS4YOUTH will partner area youth with various employers throughout Cameron County and provide work opportunities in the healthcare, hospitality & tourism, small businesses and retail industries, to name a few.

"Workforce Solutions is all about helping people get jobs and growing our economy," said Judge Cascos, adding, "we continue to utilize the limited funds available and investing these funds for what they are meant to do...creating employment opportunities for members of our community."

JOBS4YOUTH is funded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. It is designed to provide youth with employment in positions that will allow them the opportunity to acquire marketable work skills, observe the relevance of academic learning to work, learn about workplace expectations and behavior and gain the motivation to succeed in school and in their future careers. The program has three major objectives. The first is to assist young adults in preparing for the 21st century workforce. A second objective is to partner with the region's business community, local governments, school districts, faith-based organizations, educational institutions and Community Based Organizations (CBO) to provide participants with employment opportunities. And lastly, to develop long-term employment opportunities for older youth that could lead to regular employment. The **JOBS4YOUTH** program is designed to meet the needs of two distinct youth populations. One is for younger youth age 14-17 and the

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second is for older youth age 18-24. Employers will play a major role in **JOBS4YOUTH**. The program will help create life-changing opportunities for young adults while contributing to increasing the skilled labor force of the local region. Under this program employers will be paid 100% of their new employees' wages. Some employers may also be eligible for tax credit incentives.

JOBS4YOUTH participants must meet federal qualifications and household income requirements. To apply, call **Harlingen: (956)425-6461; Brownsville: (956)546-3141** or go online to www.getyourjobon.org.

Workforce Solutions is dedicated to creating a first class workforce development system by providing services to individuals seeking employment, those wanting better jobs, and to employers needing skilled, experienced employees. Workforce Solutions' Cameron job is to ensure that employers have resources to solve workforce-related problems and that individuals make successful career transitions. Workforce Solutions Cameron is a non-profit organization governed by a 25-member Board whose members are appointed by the Cameron County Judge and the Mayor of Brownsville.

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