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## **Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas Hosts Over 2,500 Students at the WOW Youth Expo**

**Abilene, Texas**—Presented by Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas, the World of Work (WOW) Youth Expo was held at the Abilene Convention Center on Wednesday, November 13th. Over 2,500 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students from nearly 60 schools were in attendance to visit with employers and training providers and learn about job skills. Some of the industries represented in the 105 exhibits students visited include: healthcare, technology, public safety, business, manufacturing, and human services. Over 200 mock interviews were conducted for junior and senior students. This year's event also featured top youth speaker, author and adventurer, John Beede, who shared lessons in perseverance and leadership from his summit of Mt. Everest.

“My favorite exhibit at WOW was the Elevator Pitch workforce readiness booth which provided a great opportunity to prepare for the future,” said Ira High School Student Ambassador Jessica Heiskell. “This Expo has been amazing for all students to see how many career opportunities there are in our region.” WOW Youth Expo exposes students to career, college, and training opportunities around West Central Texas in high-wage, high-demand fields. Students in attendance learn about the skills, training and certifications they will need in order to be hired by local businesses when they enter the workforce. Visit [www.workforcesystem.org/wow](http://www.workforcesystem.org/wow) to sign up for event notifications.

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