

# Texas Workforce Press Release

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## **New Online Tools Link Texas Teachers to Job Opportunities**

*TWC and TEA team up to help displaced teachers find employment*

AUSTIN – The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) today announced the creation of a new web page dedicated to helping dislocated teachers seeking to transition their skills to a new career or find a new position in education. Teachers in Transition <http://www.twc.state.tx.us/jobs/teachers-in-transition.html> provides guidance on career fields that best match the skills possessed by teachers and also offers assistance with navigating the workforce system, including filing for unemployment insurance and registering on [www.WorkInTexas.com](http://www.WorkInTexas.com).

In an effort to assist teachers impacted by budget constraints and layoffs, TWC has evaluated the basic skills required for teaching and related occupations, and how those skills relate or transfer to non-teaching and related occupations, providing educators with insight into other potential career fields.

TWC has also joined forces with the Texas Education Agency (TEA) to help teachers who are looking for new jobs. A new web portal is now accessible at TEA's [www.TheBestTeachInTexas.com](http://www.TheBestTeachInTexas.com) website. It directly links interested job seekers to available teaching and education-related positions found on TWC's [www.WorkInTexas.com](http://www.WorkInTexas.com).

“With so many qualified teachers seeking employment, it is an opportune time for our agencies to join together in helping these individuals find work,” said TWC Chairman Tom Pauken. “There are jobs available for those with teaching skills and this initiative will help these job seekers more easily identify employment opportunities.”

TheBestTeachInTexas.com is TEA's online information site for teachers and prospective teachers and WorkInTexas.com is TWC's free online job-matching resource that includes job postings from nearly 150,000 employers.

“This website will help dislocated teachers find new teaching positions or perhaps even new careers,” said Commissioner of Education Robert Scott. “It offers school employees and prospective teachers with a quick and comprehensive way to search for new employment.”

Among the jobs currently available through the web portal are K-12 teaching and other school positions, post secondary education instructors, speech language pathologists and trainers.

“Texas employers should take advantage of the many great skills possessed by teachers including energy, enthusiasm and creative problem solving,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton.

“This collaboration between TEA and TWC will assist teachers and employers by matching the valuable skills of teachers with employment opportunities,” said TWC Commissioner Representing the Public Andres Alcantar.

TWC recommends that all job seekers register with WorkInTexas.com, one of the state's largest employer and job databases providing a comprehensive, up-to-date listing of jobs throughout Texas. The resource helps identify jobs that match each individual's qualifications and interests. In addition, the site helps job seekers build their résumés and provides information about job fairs and other career events.

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*The Texas Workforce Commission is a state agency dedicated to helping Texas employers, workers and communities prosper economically. For details on TWC and the programs it offers in coordination with its network of local workforce development boards, call (512) 463-8556 or visit [www.texasworkforce.org](http://www.texasworkforce.org).*