



MEDIA ALERT

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The WorkSource Providing Work Assistance For Katrina Victims

HOUSTON— The WorkSource – Gulf Coast Workforce Board is working in partnership with local employers, the U.S. Department of Labor and the Texas Workforce Commission to provide employment assistance to victims of Hurricane Katrina. It has established a temporary office on-site at the Astrodome where evacuees can get help filing for Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA), post their resumes and look for employment opportunities on computers set up for that purpose. In addition to the Astrodome location, currently at the McNee Street entrance of Reliant Park, The WorkSource has set up a help site at the George R. Brown Convention Center for individuals located there.

The WorkSource is working with local employers and local employer groups to post jobs for evacuees and help employers get evacuees into jobs. Efforts include working with Texas Medical Center Hospitals and UTMB in Galveston and connecting with employers statewide that are offering jobs. It also will be participating in a variety of job fairs over the next several weeks.

Since early last week, The WorkSource has been helping a large volume of customers coming from the stricken areas to its many career offices in the 13-county Gulf Coast region. The WorkSource will continue to be an employment resource for all victims of Katrina for as long as needed. It also will continue to serve Houston residents and those in the rest of its service area who have been looking for jobs before and after the disaster.

Any persons needing employment assistance can call 1-888-469-JOBS (5627). By entering the zip code of their current location, they will be connected to the nearest office of The WorkSource. If individuals have access to a computer, they can go to The WorkSource Website at www.theworksource.org for more information. Here they will find directions to office locations and have access to local, regional and national job data bases, including the State of Texas site, www.WorkInTexas.com.