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## **Lackland Security, Mother Parkers Tea & Coffee Honored at Texas Workforce Conference**

Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County (WSTC) nominated local employers for the Texas Workforce Commission's (TWC) 21st Annual Texas Workforce Conference held Nov. 29 – Dec. 1 in Dallas.

Lackland Security (Lackland) was recognized as the statewide TWC Veteran Friendly Employer of the Year. The award honors a private-sector employer whose efforts to recruit and hire veterans have had a significant effect on veterans in the local workforce development area and across the state.

Lackland currently has 40 full-time employees, of which 34 are veterans. To ensure that veterans are aware of its hiring practices, Lackland teams with organizations that are strong supporters and sponsors of employment programs for veterans and their families.

Mother Parkers Tea & Coffee (Mother Parkers) received the Employer Award of Excellence for the WSTC area. The award honors private sector employers that are actively involved with Texas Workforce Solutions and have made a positive impact on employers, workers and the community. WSTC also submitted Mother Parkers as their nominee for Small Employer of the Year.

Mother Parkers is a private, family-owned company that was founded in 1912. Mother Parkers has been actively engaged with Tarrant County and the community since the company moved to Fort Worth in 2000. Mother Parkers partners with Tarrant County to assist young adults on career pathways by sponsoring career expos and local efforts for Manufacturing Day, which celebrates modern manufacturing.

To assist with its staffing needs, both Lackland Security and Mother Parkers posts their job openings on [WorkInTexas.com](http://WorkInTexas.com) and participate in numerous job fairs including the most recent, "Hiring, Red White & You!"

"I am pleased to recognize Mother Parkers and Tarrant County for their leadership and applaud their commitment to their communities," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ruth R. Hughs. "Through successful employer partnerships at the local level, we will maximize our effectiveness and keep Texas as a top destination for businesses."

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Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County's primary goal is to meet the needs of Tarrant employers and workers through locally-designed, market-driven workforce development initiatives and services. All employers, workers and job seekers are eligible to take advantage of these services. A 29- member Board made up of business and community leaders chaired by Jon Gustafson, with Lockheed Martin works in partnership with the Workforce Governing Board (WGB), which is composed of Fort Worth Mayor Betsy Price, Arlington Mayor Jeff Williams and Tarrant County Judge Glen Whitley, to oversee Workforce services in Tarrant County. More information about the workforce centers we have throughout Tarrant County can be found at our website: [www.workforcesolutions.net](http://www.workforcesolutions.net)