Western Kansas Manufacturers Association
3i SHOW

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Ninth Annual Kansas Workforce Summit

"Going for the Green"

WKMA is preparing for the 9th Annual Kansas Workforce Summit to be held January 20 & 21, 2010. This years program, *"Taking Education, Economic Development and Employment to the Next Level: **Going For the Green**,"* will once again be held at the Topeka Capitol Plaza.

Daniel Stenberg, Midwest Governors' Association, Washington D.C., will headline discussing workforce creation and retraining in the new energy economy. The MGA is known for fostering regional development to attain greater efficiency in state administration, facilitating interstate cooperation and improving intergovernmental relationships, and providing a medium for the exchange of views and experiences on subjects of general importance to the people of the Midwestern states. He will be joined by Ron Painter from the National Association of Workforce Boards and Domenic Giandomenico from the Institute for a Competitive Workforce. A legislative update will once again be held as well as an update from the U.S. Department of Labor. *All employers are strongly encouraged to attend this forum to provide input for the legislature.*

Governor Mark Parkinson will open the Summit along with Acting Department of Commerce Secretary Bill Thornton.

Registration for the 2010 Summit is once again limited to 300 participants. Standard registrations at $209 per person will be accepted through January 13, with late registrations at $259 per person accepted thereafter. Registration information and forms as well as links to complete Kansas Workforce Summit information are available on our website.

If you have already registered, be sure to reserve your room at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, 1717 SW Topeka Blvd., Topeka, Kansas, 785-431-7200. Mention you are attending the Kansas Workforce Summit to get the special Summit room rates.

SAVE THE DATE!!

WKMA Annual Meeting

WKMA's Annual Meeting will be held Friday, February 5, 2010, at the Dodge City Country Club. New Product Award nominations are also currently being sought at this time. All nominations should be submitted by January 11, 2010. Self-nominations are completely acceptable and encouraged.

Nominations should be e-mailed to info@3ishow.com and include information about the new product as well as a product picture and/or brochure if available.

May the Christmas Season bring you Peace and Joy!!

3i SHOW & KANSAS LOTTERY PARTNER ONCE AGAIN

The 3i SHOW is proud to once again be hosting the Kansas Lottery's Hot Lotto promotion. The Canyon Cash Hot Lotto Sizzler drawing will be for a 2010 3i SHOW Special Edition GMC Canyon Crew Cab ZQ8 Sport Truck. The truck will be on display each day of the show. The drawing will be held at 4:00 p.m. closing day, May 7, in the Kansas Lottery booth O-55B. Purchase your Hot Lotto ticket on site or at your local retailers for your chance to win!!

Kansas Governor's Exporter of the Year

The Kansas Department of Commerce is once again accepting nominations for the 22nd Annual Governor's Exporter of the Year Award. This award is presented to a single Kansas business for excellence in international trade and marketing. Nominated companies will be evaluated on the totality of their international efforts, specifically: increase in jobs due to international activities, innovations in global marketing, number of countries exported to, effective use of international distributors, long-range international strategies and prospects for future growth, and commitment to the state and local community.

The winner will be announced in June by Governor Mark Parkinson at the Kansas Cavalry Encampment, the state's top business awards ceremony.

Businesses can nominate themselves or be nominated by any other organization or individual. A nomination form is enclosed for your convenience!

2009-2010 SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

Western Kansas Manufacturers Association is proud to continue their support of students from Western Kansas attending area community colleges, technical schools and universities through the annual scholarship program. The scholarship program, supported by the sale of the commemorative 3i SHOW belt buckle, is pleased to announce the following scholarships have been awarded to freshman students for the 2009-2010 school year. ***Congratulations to these recipients:***

- Barton County Community College $500.00 scholarship to **Katherine Turner**. Katherine graduated from Larned High School and is a majoring in business.
- Garden City Community College $500.00 scholarship to **Tyler Burrows**. Tyler graduated from Garden City High School and plans to major in engineering or business administration.
- Seward County Community College $500.00 scholarship to **Gerardo Ruvalcaba**. Gerardo graduated from Hugoton High School and is enrolled in the auto body repair program.
- Fort Hays State University $700.00 scholarship to **Carri Brobst**. Carri graduated from Logan High School and is majoring in management.
- Kansas State University $700.00 scholarship to **Samantha Shirley**. Samantha graduated from Dodge City High School and is majoring in business administration.
- University of Kansas $700.00 scholarship to **Derek Ellis**. Derek graduated from Great Bend High School and is majoring in mechanical engineering.

Scholarships for the current school year are still available at Colby Community College, Dodge City Community College, North Central Kansas Technical College and Northwest Kansas Technical School for freshman students enrolled in Industrial Engineering, Pre-Engineering or Business Administration. If you know a student attending one of these schools, please refer them to their school financial aid office to inquire.

Buckles for the 2010 3iSHOW in Great Bend are currently available. Visit the Merchandise tab at www.3ishow.com to view this year's buckle and for ordering information, or call (620) 227-8082. Past years' buckles are also still available for purchase.

Thank You for Support

WKMA would also like to thank those individuals and businesses who support the WKMA Scholarship Program through the purchase of commemorative 3iSHOW belt buckles. This program would not be possible without your support!

2010 Kansas Governor's Exporter of the Year Award

Candidate Nomination Form

Please complete and submit by mail or fax no later than January 25, 2010 to:

Kansas International Trade Coordinating Council
c/o Kansas Department of Commerce, Trade Development Division
1000 S.W. Jackson Street, Suite 100
Topeka, KS 66612-1354

Phone: (785) 296-4027 Fax: (785) 296-5263
TTY (Hearing Impaired): (785) 296-3487

Company:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone: ( )	Fax: ( )	Website: E-mail:
Contact:	Title:	
CEO:		

Year Established:	Year Began Exporting:	Number of Kansas Employees:

Export Sales as % of Total Sales:	Increase or Decrease % in Export Sales:	2008-2009	2007-2008	2006-2007	2006-2009
2008: 2009:					

Description of Product or Service:
Public or Private Corporation/Company: --Select--
Address of Parent Corporation (if applicable):
Person/Organization Submitting Nomination: Address: Phone:

KITCC is an independent council that operates with the facilitating assistance of the Kansas Department of Commerce. Council activities are designed to:

- Provide a forum for the exchange of ideas among international business professionals throughout the state.
- Identify and recognize for-profit Kansas corporations that excel in international business through the Governor's Exporter of the Year Award.
- Enhance Kansas' international business by showcasing successful Kansas exporters as role models.
- Provide secondary and post-secondary educational institutions with up-to-date information about international activities of successful Kansas firms.
- Serve as advisory group to develop strategies for further internationalization of business and industry in the state of Kansas.

See Kansas Department of Commerce website for more information: www.kansascommerce.com

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