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## Texas A&M Named New Host of the Texas Science and Engineering Fair

**AUSTIN** – The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) and the Texas Science and Engineering Advisory Board have named Texas A&M Engineering as the new host and of the 2019 Annual Texas Science and Engineering Fair (TXSEF), becoming the third host in the 18-year history of the prestigious science and engineering competition. TWC anticipates nearly 4,000 students, parents, school officials, and industry representatives will attend the fair at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas, on March 29-30, 2019.

“We look forward to welcoming Texas’ brightest student innovators to Texas A&M University this year, and commend them on their dedication to encourage students to pursue science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) occupations,” said TWC Chair Ruth Ruggero Hughs. “As we begin our new partnership with Texas A&M Engineering and continued partnership with ExxonMobil Corporation, we look forward to expanding the number of students participating in the Texas State Science and Engineering Fair and creating new ways to engage and inspire our future scientists and our next generation of influencers.”

“I am pleased to make this announcement and congratulate Texas A&M,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Julian Alvarez. “With our partnership and commitment to support programs that encourage students to pursue science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) occupations, Texas A&M, a world-class educational institution, is the perfect venue to inspire them,” he said. “Our Texas students participating in this year’s Texas Science and Engineering Fair are ushering in a new era for this statewide event that serves as an opportunity for students to showcase their classroom education to solve real-world problems.”

“The Texas A&M University System is committed to serving citizens statewide and this is an excellent opportunity to welcome the state’s best and brightest to the flagship campus at Texas A&M University,” said John Sharp, chancellor for The Texas A&M University System. “Both the Texas Workforce Commission and ExxonMobil recognize the strength of Texas A&M Engineering and how this partnership will foster innovation among our future engineers and scientists.”

For 18 years, TWC and ExxonMobil have spearheaded the Texas Science and Engineering Fair where middle and high school students from 13 regional divisions across Texas compete in over 20 categories judged by experts in the field. Top finishers from the high school division are awarded scholarships to attend the prestigious Governor’s Science and Technology Champions Academy summer camp and also have the opportunity to compete in the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) in May 2019 in Phoenix, Arizona.

“The Texas Science and Engineering Fair offers a great opportunity for the youth of Texas to learn more about science and engineering, which can lead to future career choices in these areas,” said Truman Bell,

chairman of the TXSEF Advisory Board and manager of community relations for ExxonMobil Corporation. “ExxonMobil is pleased to support this effort which will inspire the next generation of scientists and engineers.”

For more information on the Texas Science and Engineering Fair visit [www.tx.ag/txsef](http://www.tx.ag/txsef)

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