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*Nearly 2,000 Open Positions Will Bring Relief to the Unemployed*

**For Immediate Release:**

Katy, TX, August 17, 2009— The Katy Economic Development Council ("Katy EDC") today announced plans to participate in Congressman Michael McCaul's Job Fair to be held Tuesday, August 18, 2009 from 9AM to 3PM at the Leonard E. Merrell Center at 6301 South Stadium Lane in Katy. Thus far registered employers have identified approximately 2,000 currently open positions .

"One of the principal objectives of the Katy Economic Development Council is to partner with key organizations to develop a well-trained, available, workforce as well as to promote Katy as a sought after talent center for key employers," notes Lance LaCour, president and CEO of the Katy EDC. "This event will not only bring relief to the many unemployed across our area and state, but also will prove once again that Katy is a prime location to find well educated, well prepared employees that will substantively contribute to the success of any business or government entity."

"It's encouraging to see so many companies hiring, which I think speaks to the resiliency of the Texas economy and the positive business climate we have created compared to other regions," said Congressman McCaul, who represents the Katy area in the 10th Congressional District. "My hope is that the people who come here will have jobs shortly after they leave, they'll be able to pay their bills and put food on the table and businesses will increase productivity."

LaCour and Frank L. Lombard, vice president of the Katy EDC, will be available at a booth at the job fair to educate attendees on how the programs of the Katy EDC can assist both employers and residents of the Katy area.

Registered employers include:

- Workforce Solutions
- Career and Recovery Resources, Inc
- Comcast Cable
- US Army
- US Navy
- US Coast Guard
- Mary Kay Cosmetics
- CVS Pharmacy
- Harris County Human Resources and Risk Management
- Harris County Juvenile Probation Department
- Harris County Sheriff's Office
- Houston Fire Department
- American GI Forum - National Veterans Outreach Program
- Texas Veterans Land Board
- Tax Masters
- Omni Houston Hotel Westside

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- CenterPoint Energy
  - Wal-Mart Distribution
  - Wal-Mart Transportation
  - U.S. Logistics, Inc.
  - Houston Community College
  - University of Phoenix
  - Wellspring Children's Academy
  - Rising Star Academy
  - Igloo Products Corp.
  - Texas Department of Public Safety
  - U.S. Postal Service
  - US Census Bureau
  - Social Security Administration
  - Apex Hospital
  - Christus St. Catherine Hospital
  - Honda Cars of Katy
  - ID Theft Solutions of America
  - Active Power, Inc.
  - Whataburger Restaurants
  - Lapsley Energy
  - Met Life
  - BAE Systems
  - Earth Patriot Technologies
  - Juice Plus
  - Texas Headhunters
  - Texas Temphunters
  - Edward Jones Investments

Positions are currently available in a range of fields. There are no registration requirements or costs for job seekers. Job seekers and employers who desire additional information about this event are encouraged to contact Congressman McCaul's Austin district office at (512) 473-72357.

#### **About the Katy EDC**

Founded in 2003, the Katy EDC's mission is to establish the Katy area as the premier location for families and businesses through planned economic growth and development. Since its inception, the Katy EDC has grown to over 125 members and assisted in the creation of over 10,000 jobs and \$1.5 billion in capital investment.

#### **About Congressman Michael McCaul (R-TX 10)**

Congressman Michael McCaul is the Ranking Member of the Homeland Security Committee's Intelligence Subcommittee and also serves on the Foreign Affairs and Science committees. Rep. McCaul has consistently voted to grow the economy by incentivizing private investment and job creation through tax cuts, and has voted against bailouts and the stimulus bill which prioritized pet projects over job creation.

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