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THE OFFICE: SEYMOUR, TEXAS INTRODUCES INNOVATIVE REMOTE WORKSPACE TO SUPPORT ECONOMIC GROWTH

SEYMOUR, Texas – The City of Seymour proudly announces the successful launch of "The Office," a cutting-edge remote workspace designed to redefine the future of work in rural communities. On July 1, 2024, the City of Seymour and Seymour Chamber of Commerce celebrated this milestone with a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house at 510 N Donald, Seymour, TX 76380.

The Office aims to improve digital literacy in rural Baylor County, empowering individuals with the necessary tools and skills to thrive in the digital economy. The facility offers secure, flexible, low-cost rental options for 19 state-of-the-art cubicles and two executive private offices, tailored to accommodate remote work setups and long-distance learning.

At the forefront of The Office's offerings are high-speed fiber internet and the latest technology upgrades, ensuring seamless connectivity for remote work and virtual collaboration. Additionally, Workforce Solutions North Texas has fully equipped the space with cubicles, desks, office chairs, computers, and a printer/scanner/copier.

"This initiative represents our commitment to fostering economic growth, enhancing quality of life, and creating opportunities for all members of our community to thrive," said Dr. Jeff Brasher, City Administrator. "Equipping Seymour's workforce with the tools necessary to excel in an increasingly competitive remote work environment adds to the diversified ways our community can grow."

Owned solely by the City of Seymour, The Office is the culmination of strategic partnerships with key stakeholders, including Workforce Solutions North Texas and the Nortex Regional Planning Commission. The City of Seymour and Nortex Economic Development Division partnered on the infrastructure and upgrades needed to make the old building functional again.

"We are thrilled to introduce The Office as a pioneering hub for remote work and professional development," said Mark McCord, Mayor of Seymour. "In today's digital age, the ability to work remotely and adapt to evolving technologies is paramount. With The Office, we aim to not only provide a conducive workspace but also to nurture a newly skilled labor force that will drive innovation and prosperity in our community."

By partnering with Workforce Solutions North Texas, The Office will leverage its extensive network of employers to match qualified candidates with remote work positions tailored to their skills and expertise. This partnership aims to streamline the recruitment process and facilitate meaningful employment opportunities for community members by connecting job seekers with reputable employers.

"We are excited to collaborate with Workforce Solutions North Texas to expand access to remote work opportunities and support workforce development in our community," said Lauren

Bush, City Secretary & Economic Development Director. "By leveraging the resources and expertise of both organizations, we can empower individuals with the tools and connections needed to succeed in the remote work landscape."

A Remote Work Job Fair is scheduled for early August to help match local citizens with jobs across the state.

"Our mission is to place North Texans in jobs and equip workers with skills that foster economic development," said Lisa McDaniel, Executive Director for Workforce Solutions North Texas. "The collaboration with Seymour on a remote workspace in Baylor County is an innovative approach that we anticipate will have a significant economic impact on individuals and the community. We hope the success will lead to replicated efforts in other rural regions of the state to help address urban worker shortages as well."

The City of Seymour will be leasing office space to remote workers. For more information and rental inquiries, please visit Cityofseymour.org/The-Office or contact Lauren Bush.

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About Seymour, Texas: Seymour, Texas, is a vibrant community nestled in Baylor County. Known for its rich history and welcoming spirit, Seymour offers a unique blend of small-town charm and significant cultural heritage. The city is renowned in the field of paleontology for the Texas Red Beds, a geologic formation dating back to the Permian period. These beds are a treasure trove of fossils, providing invaluable insights into prehistoric life and attracting researchers from around the world. Seymour's dedication to preserving its natural history and fostering a sense of community makes it a noteworthy destination in North Texas.