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## **Texas Business Leadership Council Hosts UT System Chancellor James B. Milliken; Talks Cybersecurity and Workforce**

The Texas Business Leadership Council hosted its 2019 Fall Meeting at the Westin Riverwalk Hotel today in San Antonio. Business leaders from across Texas joined this half-day summit to hear from speakers and discuss the implementation outcomes expected from the 86<sup>th</sup> Session's House Bill 3, learn from university Regents as to what challenges our institutions of higher learning face in equipping the next generation with the tools needed to succeed, and how our workforce is adapting to the demands of the 21<sup>st</sup> century – especially in the healthcare, IT, and cybersecurity fields.

TBLC President Justin Yancy said, “We are grateful to have strong leadership in Texas in the areas of business, academia, and government. Working together, as today’s meeting represents, allows our state to be better prepared for the future. Building a workforce prepared to compete is a primary component in growing a strong and diverse economy that provides greater opportunity for all Texans.”

Keynotes and panelist from the meeting included Texas State Senator Larry Taylor, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Education; Texas State Representative Diego Bernal, Vice Chairman of the House Public Education Committee; John Fitzpatrick, Executive Director of Educate Texas; Todd Williams, Chairman and CEO of The Commit Partnership; Charlie Amato, Texas State University System Regent; Jodie L. Jiles, University of Texas System Regent; Elaine Mendoza, Chairman of the Board of Regents at Texas A&M University; and James B. Milliken, Chancellor of The University of Texas System.

UT Chancellor James B. Milliken commented, “The University of Texas System is committed to the grand challenges and opportunities that face our state. Together with our partners throughout Texas, we will meet the need of educating a growing population for the global, knowledge economy by providing the highest quality patient care and conducting research that will help drive innovation and job creation. Both the University of Texas at San Antonio and the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio are central to our work and will help ensure the quality of life, health and economy in the region.”

Charlie Amato, Chairman of SWBC added, “I appreciate Chancellor Milliken’s remarks. I am so proud of San Antonio and the multifaceted work that is going on here with cybersecurity. From UTSA hosting the no. 1 ranked cyber program in the country to being home to the Air Force’s new Information Warfare venture -- the 16th Air Force -- San Antonio and Texas are doing its part in protecting our nation from an ever growing threat. These efforts also translate into jobs. San Antonio has the second largest cybersecurity workforce in the nation behind only Washington, D.C. and there are more than 130,000 careers contributing more than \$35.5 billion to Texas’ economy”

The Texas Business Leadership Council is a statewide network of CEOs and senior business executives who advance a long-term vision of a prosperous Texas in a globally competitive business environment.