



## **Pongo(TM) Resume Partners with State of Texas to Provide Online Job Search Tools to Unemployed Texans**

***Texas Becomes First State to Implement Virtual One-Stop Career Center to Fight Unemployment***

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NORTHBOROUGH, Mass., Jul 15, 2008 (BUSINESS WIRE) --

Pongo(TM)Resume, the premier full-service online resume-building resource that provides a suite of online tools to help job seekers market and manage their career, today announced it has entered into a licensing agreement with the State of Texas to deliver online resume and letter building tools to be used by people seeking employment opportunities in that state. The agreement is the first of its kind with any state organization to deliver this type of strategic online initiative for the unemployed. This initiative is indicative of the demands being placed upon state governments to do more for its citizens with less funding and tighter budgets.

PongoResume's suite of online job search tools are major components of the state's virtual one-stop career center. By offering critical services online, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, job seekers in Texas now have access to all the tools and help they need to get hired faster. Taking the lead as the first employment region to implement such an initiative, the pilot phase recently launched with the Southeast region of Texas. Other regions of the state will implement the program by year's end.

"We are extremely proud that the largest state in the U.S. unanimously found PongoResume to provide the best job search tools and value to its users," said Rodney Capron, CEO. "We anticipate other states to follow suit as they, too, look for creative ways to leverage the power of the internet and the world class resume and letter building tools PongoResume provides."

"Rising demand for career services coupled with deep federal budget cuts challenged us to find innovative ways to deliver more services for less," states Mary Hammon, Deputy Director of Workforce Solutions for Southeast Texas. "The team at

PongoResume worked closely with us to implement the ResumeBUILDER and LetterBUILDER quickly and efficiently so we could launch our "virtual one-stop" career center rapidly."

For additional information on how to implement a strategic online employment initiative in any state, visit [PongoResume.com](http://PongoResume.com).

About Pongo:

Pongo(TM)Resume is a premier full-service online resume-building resource that provides a suite of tools to help job seekers market and manage their career. Pongo generates over 100,000 resumes per month through its 4+ million registered users and has in excess of 1/2 million unique visitors per month. The company is privately held and headquartered in Northborough, Massachusetts. For more information, visit <http://www.PongoResume.com> or call 1-866-486-4660 .

About Workforce Solutions:

Workforce Solutions - Southeast Texas is a "Workforce Investment Board" created by legislation to provide employment related services that are funded through the Texas Workforce Commission. We have four physical workforce centers in our area to provide a place for people in our area to come and look for jobs and training, as well as also providing services for employers. There are 28 similar areas in Texas.

Additionally, every state has a similar system. The virtual one stop will include the resume service, which has been used by quite a few people already, but also a centralized information center manned by career counselors that will start on August 1st and an on-line chat room that will start on September 1st.

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