



## **City of McKinney Press Release**

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### **McKinney leaders head to China for Shanghai World Expo**

*Joining state delegation to explore economic development opportunities*

McKINNEY, TEXAS (June 1, 2010) – State Rep. Ken Paxton and McKinney Mayor Brian Loughmiller will lead a McKinney delegation to Shanghai, China, June 12-17 where they will join Gov. Rick Perry for Texas Week at the World Expo. While in Shanghai, McKinney leaders will host business leaders at private functions and participate as presenters at the “Export in Texas” seminar that is expected to draw more than 100 Chinese business leaders.

The McKinney group will then travel to the industrial city of Shenzhen to meet with Chinese business leaders who have expressed an interest in future development in McKinney.

“This trip provides a tremendous opportunity to expand our relationship with the state of Texas for business attraction on a global scale,” said Mayor Loughmiller. “On a national scale, our relationship with the state has already yielded state incentives that have helped McKinney attract such companies as Raytheon and Torchmark.”

Over the span of six months, the Shanghai World Expo is expected to attract more than 70 million people from 192 countries.

In addition to Paxton and Loughmiller, the McKinney delegation includes David Pitstick, President/CEO of McKinney Economic Development Corporation, and James Chen, director of the Mayor’s Committee for International Economic Development Partnerships.

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#### **About McKinney**

McKinney, Texas, is unique by nature. As one of the fastest-growing cities in the U.S., McKinney has a current population of 126,500. Incorporated in 1848, the city is located 30 miles north of Dallas and is the county seat of Collin County. McKinney offers rolling hills, lush trees, a historic downtown square and unique neighborhoods and developments, and it was recently ranked as one of the Top 10 Best Places to Move by Forbes Magazine. Visit the city’s Web site at [www.mckinneytexas.org](http://www.mckinneytexas.org).

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