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## **Tarrant County College Receives a \$301,200 Job-Training Grant from TWC**

AUSTIN — The Tarrant County area workforce will benefit from a \$301,200 Skills Development Fund grant that the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) administers. LG Electronics Inc. and ATC Logistics & Electronics has partnered with Tarrant County College to provide the training.

The grant will be used to train workers for 142 new and 208 upgraded jobs in cell phone repair and logistics. Upon completion of training, workers will receive an average hourly wage of \$15.95.

“The economic future of the Metroplex depends on attracting and growing companies in leading-edge industries,” said Sen. Kim Brimer. “I appreciate the Texas Workforce Commission and Tarrant County College for helping these two companies obtain the skilled workers they need to expand their operations in Texas.”

“This grant directly benefits the 350 workers who will receive training and their employers, as well as benefiting the infrastructure of the college and strengthening the workforce of this area,” said Rep. Marc Veasey. “I congratulate all who teamed up to see this community partnership materialize.”

“This Skills Development Fund grant will give workers the training they need to be competitive in their jobs while providing employers a workforce custom trained to their needs,” said TWC Commissioner Ronny Congleton. “I would like to acknowledge the continued support of the Governor and the Legislature for making these Skills Development Fund grants available.”

In Fiscal Year 2005, 23 Skills Development Fund grants created or upgraded 12,247 jobs (3,351 and 8,896 respectively). The jobs paid an average hourly wage of \$17.01. The grants totaled \$8.6 million and assisted 95 Texas employers with their customized training needs. The Legislature has appropriated \$40.4 million to the Skills Development Fund for the 2006-07 biennium.

Employers seeking more information about the Skills Development Fund may visit the TWC Web site at [www.texasworkforce.org](http://www.texasworkforce.org).

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