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## **L-3 Communications Integrated Systems Partners with Paris Junior College for a \$1 Million Job-Training Grant from TWC**

AUSTIN — The North Central and Heart of Texas workforce areas will benefit from a \$1 million Skills Development Fund grant administered by the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC). L-3 Communications Integrated Systems (L-3/IS) has partnered with Paris Junior College to provide the training.

The grant will be used to train workers for 509 new and 1,226 upgraded jobs with L-3/IS in Greenville and Waco. Upon completion of training, workers will fill positions as aeronautical and systems engineers, as well as assemblers, fabricators, managers and first-line supervisors. They will receive an average hourly wage of \$20.08.

“The Skills Development Fund grants used to custom train workers to serve in the aerospace and defense industry cluster further strengthen the availability of a trained workforce in Texas,” said Sen. Bob Deuell. “I congratulate Paris Junior College, L-3 Communications and TWC for their continuing collaboration.”

“Job creation and workforce development are top priority in the North Central Texas region,” said state Rep. Dan Flynn. “The 1,735 high-skill, high-wage jobs positively impacted by this grant also represent 1,735 positively impacted lives in our community. I congratulate all who were involved.”

“The partnership of private enterprise and public education has been a powerful force in economic development in Texas,” said TWC Chair Diane Rath. “This Skills Development Fund grant continues those efforts, and we are all indebted to the Governor and the Legislature for their continued support of customized training that benefits both employers and workers.”

In Fiscal Year 2005, 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 23 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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