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## **Lamar State College-Orange Partners with Two Area Businesses for Job-Training Grants from TWC**

AUSTIN — The Southeast Texas area workforce will benefit from two Skills Development Fund job-training grants, administered by the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC). The grants total more than \$350,000. Lamar State College-Orange has partnered with DuPont Sabine Riverworks (SRW) and INVISTA Sabine Riverworks (SRW) for the grants.

The grants will be used upgrade the skills of 300 operating and mechanical technicians at DuPont, paying an average hourly wage of \$27.94 upon completion of training. The skills of 150 process operators at INVISTA will be upgraded paying an average hourly wage of \$28 upon completion of training.

“Skills Development grants contribute to our local economic development by providing employers customized training for their workforce and giving workers the skills they need to remain competitive in the workplace,” said state Sen. Tommy Williams. “Congratulations to Lamar State College-Orange, DuPont, INVISTA and TWC for bringing this grant to our area.”

“Workforce development and skills training are at the very heart of economic development,” said TWC Chair Diane Rath. “Through the successful partnership of public education and private industry, these grants will provide skills training to upgrade more than 400 jobs in Southeast Texas.”

Twenty-three Skills Development Fund grants created or upgraded 12,247 jobs in Fiscal Year 2005. 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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