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Kimberly-Clark Corp. Partners with Paris Junior College for a \$333,102 Job-Training Grant from TWC

AUSTIN — Paris Junior College has partnered with Kimberly-Clark Corp. to provide job training utilizing a \$333,102 Skills Development Fund grant that the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) administers.

The grant will be used to train workers for 830 upgraded jobs in engineering, maintenance, store keeping, business operations and more. Upon completion of training, workers will receive an average hourly wage of \$21.64.

“I commend the work and partnership between Kimberly-Clark and Paris Junior College,” said Sen. Kevin Eltife. “I am excited to see that the Texas Workforce Commission grant will strengthen this community’s workforce and its economic outlook.”

“When we can improve the skills of local workers by upgrading their jobs, it has a positive impact on the labor market of this area,” said state Rep. Mark Homer. “When our employers are able to remain competitive, it has a positive impact on our economy. I would like to thank all of those involved for bringing this grant to North East Texas.”

“This Skills Development Fund grant provides a great opportunity for workers and gives employers a skilled labor force,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. “Thanks to the Governor and the Legislature, TWC makes these grants available each year, assisting thousands of Texans to improve their quality of life.”

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.

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