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Brighter Future Inc. Receives \$446,250 Job-Training Grant from TWC

AUSTIN — The Gulf Coast-area workforce will benefit from a \$446,250 Self-Sufficiency Fund grant administered by the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC). A three-member business consortium partnered with Brighter Future Inc. for the grant, which helps individuals transition from public assistance back into the workforce.

The grant will help train 150 new employees as security officers. Upon completion of training, workers will receive an average hourly wage of \$9. The business consortium includes Locke Protective Services, American Commercial Security Services and BP Worldwide Security Inc.

“I am pleased whenever employers create new jobs in Houston,” said state Sen. Rodney Ellis. “This Texas Workforce Commission training grant will provide an opportunity for individuals to gain employment in a respected and growing industry.”

“Assisting all Texans to be self-sufficient is one of our top priorities,” said TWC Chair and Commissioner Representing the Public Diane Rath. “Thanks to the Governor and the Legislature, TWC makes these grants available each year, assisting thousands of Texans to enjoy the rewards of this great state.”

In Fiscal Year 2005, 14 Self-Sufficiency Fund grants created or upgraded 4,322 jobs. The jobs paid an average hourly wage of \$10.52. The grants totaled \$8.7 million and assisted 86 Texas employers with their customized training needs. The Legislature has appropriated \$6 million to the Self-Sufficiency Fund for the 2006-07 biennium.

Employers seeking more information about the Self-Sufficiency Fund may visit the TWC Web site at www.texasworkforce.org.

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