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American Achievement Corp. Partners with TSTC Waco for a \$1,029,159 Job-Training Grant

AUSTIN – The Capital Area, Dallas and Upper Rio Grande area workforces will benefit from a \$1,029,159 job-training grant that the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) administers. American Achievement Corp., which has facilities in Austin, Dallas and El Paso, has partnered with Texas State Technical College (TSTC) Waco for the grant.

The grant will be used to create and upgrade more than 1,400 engineering, IT technician, supervisor, clerk, administration and manager jobs, among others. Upon completion of training, workers will earn average hourly wages between \$10 and \$17.72.

“Our Skills Development Fund grants serve everyone well,” said Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. “Workers get the specialized training they need to fill jobs that already exist, and the community benefits from a more highly skilled workforce.”

In Fiscal Year 2005, Skills Development Fund grants created or upgraded 12,247 jobs. 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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