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McLane Advanced Technologies LLC Partners with Temple College for a \$495,566 Job-Training Grant

AUSTIN — The Central Texas area workforce will benefit from a \$495,566 job-training grant from the Skills Development Fund that the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) administers. McLane Advanced Technologies LLC will partner with Temple College for the grant.

The grant was presented today at the grand opening and ribbon cutting for the new McLane Advanced Technologies campus in Temple, hosted by Drayton McLane, Jr., the company founder.

The grant will be used to create or upgrade the skills of 247 test engineer, help desk analyst, PC support technician and project leader positions, among others. Upon completion of training, workers will earn an average hourly wage of \$28.61.

“Thanks to the Texas Workforce Commission, Temple College and McLane Advanced Technologies, workers have the chance to gain knowledge and become more successful in the workplace,” state Sen. Troy Fraser said. “The work put into this grant demonstrates the state’s commitment to improving the lives of its citizens.”

“Through this grant, the state of Texas economically prospers,” state Rep. Dianne White Delisi said. “Workers are able to upgrade their skills, and Texas is able to provide a more custom-trained workforce.”

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

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2006, Skills Development Fund grants created or upgraded 14,090 jobs, which paid an average hourly wage of \$19.22. These grants assisted 125 Texas employers with their customized training needs. The Legislature has appropriated \$50 million to the Skills Development Fund for the 2008-09 biennium. Employers seeking more information about the Skills Development Fund may visit the TWC Web site at www.texasworkforce.org.

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