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The Boeing Company Partners with the Alamo Community College District for an \$887,956 Job-Training Grant

AUSTIN – The Alamo-area workforce will benefit from an \$887,956 job-training grant from the Skills Development Fund that the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) administers. The Boeing Company has partnered with St. Philip's College in the Alamo Community College District to provide the training. The grant will be used to create 380 new jobs and upgrade the skills of 70 additional workers, including avionics technicians, structure mechanics, general mechanics and others. Workers will receive an average hourly wage of \$20.88 once training is complete.

The company's San Antonio site has received a contract for work on Boeing's 787 Dreamliner, a technologically advanced commercial jetliner. To support the Dreamliner program, Boeing plans to hire more than 400 employees.

"The Skills Development Fund makes an investment in our most precious resource: Texans," said state Sen. Carlos I. Uresti. "Training highly skilled workers in our area not only benefits individuals and families, it further strengthens the San Antonio area's already vibrant economy. Once again, our community is showing that we can succeed in the global marketplace."

"A highly skilled workforce is vital to the Texas economy," said state Rep. Jose Menendez. "Through Skills Development Fund grants, public-private partnerships produce incredible results."

"The Skills Development Fund is one of the best programs in the state to provide employers with the skilled workforce they need," said TWC Chair and Commissioner Diane Rath. "Thanks to the Governor and the Legislature, TWC makes these grants available each year, helping hundreds of Texas employers succeed."

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2007, Skills Development Fund grants created or upgraded 20,831 jobs, which paid an average hourly wage of \$19.04. These grants assisted 281 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 <http://www.twc.state.tx.us/svcs/funds/sdfintro.html>.

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In this photo released by the Texas Workforce Commission, TWC Chair and Commissioner Diane Rath (third from left) presents a Skills Development Fund grant check for \$887,956 to (from left) Alamo Community College District Board of Trustees Chairman Roberto Zarate, Alamo Community Colleges Chancellor Dr. Bruce H. Leslie, St. Philip's College President Dr. Adena Williams Loston and The Boeing Company Director of Human Resources David Bouse. (ACCD photo)

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