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Pratt & Whitney Canada-Wichita Falls Partners with Vernon College for a \$120,872 Job-Training Grant

AUSTIN – Pratt & Whitney Canada-Wichita Falls has partnered with Vernon College to provide job training using a \$120,872 Skills Development Fund grant from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC).

The grant will be used to custom train workers for 90 upgraded jobs. Upon completion of training, workers will fill positions such as inspectors, lab technicians and machinists and receive an average hourly wage of \$26.08.

“Workforce development and skills training are at the very heart of economic development,” said TWC Director of Workforce Development Larry Jones. “Through the successful partnership of public education and private industry, these grants will provide skills training to upgrade more than 90 good-paying jobs in North Texas.”

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2009, Skills Development Fund grants created or upgraded 19,516 jobs, which paid an average hourly wage of \$24.44. These grants assisted 170 Texas employers with their customized training needs. The Legislature appropriated \$90 million to the Skills Development Fund for the 2010-11 biennium. Employers seeking more information about the Skills Development Fund may visit the TWC Web site at <http://skills.texasworkforce.org>.

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