

# Texas Workforce Press Release

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## **South Texas College Partners with 12 Local Employers for \$844,848 Job-Training Grant**

AUSTIN – An electrical consortium representing 12 employers has partnered with South Texas College to provide job training using an \$844,848 Skills Development Fund grant from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC).

The grant will be used to custom train workers for 498 upgraded or newly created jobs. Upon completion of training, workers will fill positions such as electricians, electrician helpers and installation helpers, and receive an average hourly wage of \$10.74.

“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 or create nearly 500 jobs in South Texas.”

The following companies are partners in the grant and will have workers trained through the program: L & O Electric Inc., KST Electric Ltd, Jaimes Electric Inc., #1 Quality Electric Inc., Eldridge Electric Co., Enlighten Electric Co., Millennium Electric, Metro Electric Inc., D & F Industries Inc., Gellegos Electric Inc., RZB Inc. and Brumley Professional Employer Services.

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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