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## **Cytec Engineered Materials Partners with Paris Junior College for \$158,452 Job-Training Grant**

AUSTIN – Cytec Engineered Materials has partnered with Paris Junior College to provide job training using a \$158,452 Skills Development Fund grant from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC).

The grant will be used to custom train 78 Cytec workers for upgraded production, manufacturing, engineering and support positions. Upon completion of training, the workers will earn an average hourly wage of \$33.68.

“I am impressed with the training programs taking place using this grant,” said TWC Commissioner Representing the Public Andres Alcantar. “The number of Texans working in these jobs earning competitive wages will be a great economic boost for the northeast Texas area.”

The project will help Cytec cross-train employees in an effort to increase retention, improve customer communication and enhance production capabilities. It includes training in lean manufacturing, project management and quality control.

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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