

# Texas Workforce Press Release

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## **Manufacturing Consortium Partners with Grayson County College for \$675,370 Job-Training Grant**

AUSTIN – A manufacturing consortium representing four employers has partnered with Grayson County College to provide job training using a \$675,370 Skills Development Fund grant from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC).

“These Skills grants provide a real economic boost to Texas,” said state Sen. Craig Estes. “Employers gain highly qualified workers, and the newly trained workers expand their skills in high-demand jobs and earn higher wages.”



*TWC Commissioner Representing the Public Andres Alcantar (front right) presents a \$675,370 Skills Development Fund grant check to a consortium of manufacturing companies for job skills training. In attendance are (from left) District 62 State Rep. Larry Phillips, Grayson County College President Dr. Alan Scheibmeir, District 30 State Sen. Craig Estes, GCC Center for Workplace Learning Executive Director Dr. Patty Pool, Commissioner Alcantar, (back row) Kwikset Plant Manager Marty Doyle, Fisher Controls HR Generalist Nick Hayden, Douglass Distributing President Brad Douglass, and GlobiTech VP Operations Rick Boston.*

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The grant will be used to custom train workers for 404 upgraded jobs with GlobiTech Inc., Fisher Controls International, Kwikset Corp., and Douglass Distributing Ltd. Upon completion of training, workers will fill positions such as assemblers, cleanroom operators, machine operators, production leads and other manufacturing support positions and will earn an average hourly wage of \$19.65.

“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 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>. Grayson County College contact: Shelle Cassell (903) 463-8628 or [cassells@grayson.edu](mailto:cassells@grayson.edu)

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