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Alamo Colleges Partners with a Business Consortium for a \$632,502 Job-Training Grant

AUSTIN – A three-member business consortium comprised of Lancer Partnership Ltd., Lucifer Lighting Co. and General Dynamics have partnered with Alamo Colleges for a \$632,502 job-training grant funded through the Skills Development Fund provided by the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC).

The grant will be used to custom train 250 existing or newly created positions with the three employers. Trainees include aerospace engineering and operations technicians, and product engineers. The Skills training will help each company improve their competitiveness in the global market through its highly trained workforce and will help the businesses meet certain federal, state and industry standards, including training in product development aids, network security, process improvement and technology-based tools. Upon completion of the training, workers will earn an average hourly wage of \$26.70.

“Our Skills Development Fund grants serve everyone well,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. “Workers get the specialized training they need and the communities benefit from a more highly skilled workforce.”

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2009, Skills 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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