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Goodman Manufacturing Co. Partners with Houston Community College for \$310,233 Job-Training Grant

AUSTIN – Goodman Manufacturing Co., L.P. has partnered with Houston Community College (HCC) to provide job training using a \$310,233 Skills Development Fund grant from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC).

The grant will be used to custom train 542 new and incumbent workers. Those being trained include machine operators and tubing technicians. Upon completion of training, the workers will earn an average hourly wage of \$39.21.

“The training programs made possible by this grant will build competent skills,” said TWC Commissioner Representing the Public Andres Alcantar. “The number of Texans working in these jobs earning good wages will be a great economic boost for this region of 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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