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Collin College Partners with Manufacturing Consortium for an \$808,066 Job-Training Grant

AUSTIN – A consortium of manufacturing and construction companies has partnered with Collin College to provide job training using an \$808,066 Skills Development Fund grant from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC).

The grant will be used to custom train 455 new and incumbent workers to program and maintain equipment and will provide high-end manufacturing training to assist the consortium in improving manufacturing processes. Trainees will include assemblers, technicians and brake press operators. Upon completion of training, the workers will earn an average hourly wage of \$20.97.

Business partners in the grant are Fiber Systems International, Applied Concepts Inc., Carlisle Coatings and Waterproofing Inc., Manner Plastics LP, Rapid Tooling Inc., Special Products & Manufacturing Inc., and Statlab Medical Products Inc.



Texas Workforce Commissioner Representing the Public Andres Alcantar (pictured) presents a Skills Development Fund grant check to representatives from Collin College and a consortium of seven partnering manufacturing businesses.

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“The training programs taking place using 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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