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Manufacturing Consortium Partners with El Paso Community College for \$818,798 Job-Training Grant

AUSTIN – A manufacturing consortium has partnered with El Paso Community College (EPCC) to provide job training using an \$818,798 Skills Development Fund grant from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC).

The grant will be used to custom train workers for 762 new and upgraded jobs. Upon completion of training, workers will fill positions such as machine operators, material handlers and tool makers. They will receive an average hourly wage of \$12.99. The companies in the consortium are Leviton Manufacturing Co., Plastic Systems, Southwest Venture Plastics LLC, Stewart EFI LLC and The Toro Company.



Texas Workforce
Commissioner
Representing Labor
Ronny Congleton signs
an \$818,798 Skills
Development Fund
grant check to El Paso
Community College
and a manufacturing
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Skills Development Fund

“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) 2008, Skills Development Fund grants created or upgraded 19,689 jobs, which paid an average hourly wage of \$24.29. These grants assisted 148 Texas employers with their customized training needs. The Legislature has appropriated \$50 million to the Skills Development Fund for the 2008-09 biennium. Employers seeking more information about the Skills Development Fund may visit the TWC Web site at <http://www.twc.state.tx.us/svcs/funds/sdfintro.html>.

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