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Construction Maintenance and Education Foundation and Lee College Partner for \$428,448 TWC Job-Training Grant

AUSTIN — Construction Maintenance and Education Foundation (CMEF), which includes 11 businesses, has partnered with Lee College to provide job training using a \$428,448 Skills Development Fund grant from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC).

The grant will be used to custom-train workers for 315 new or upgraded jobs. Upon completion of training, workers will fill positions such as electricians, pipefitters and welders and earn an average hourly wage of \$16.66. CMEF is comprised of Amber LP, Austin Industrial Services LP, Brand Energy & Infrastructure Services Inc., Brock Services Ltd., Certified Technical Services LP, Industrial Specialty Contractors LLC, Jacobs Basic Industries Inc., Ref-Chem LP, S&B Engineers and Constructors Ltd., Turner Industries Group LLC and Zachry Holdings Inc.

“TWC makes these grants available each year, helping hundreds of Texas employers and workers succeed,” said TWC Chairman Tom Pauken. “We take pride in the fact that we can continue to provide businesses a ready and skilled workforce.”

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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