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## **Manufacturing Consortium Partners with Navarro College for \$608,365 Job-Training Grant**

AUSTIN – A manufacturing consortium of three businesses has partnered with Navarro College to provide training for its workers using a \$608,365 job training grant from the Texas Workforce Commission’s (TWC) Skills Development Fund.

The grant will be used to custom train 440 incumbent workers from the partnering companies to increase their skill sets and allow them to more effectively operate high-speed technology and robotic-based machinery with programmable logics. Additional training will include safety, leadership, supervisory skills and human resource training. Upon completion of training, the workers will earn an average hourly wage of \$16.99.

“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.”

The companies in the consortium include Oil City Iron Works Inc., Guardian Industries Corp., and ASMO Manufacturing Inc.

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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