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## **National Oilwell Varco Partners with Lone Star College for \$883,212 Job-Training Grant**

AUSTIN – National Oilwell Varco (NOV) has partnered with Lone Star College to provide job training using an \$883,212 Skills Development Fund grant from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC).

The grant will be used to custom train 415 new and incumbent workers. The training will enhance employees' skills to improve productivity and efficiency, and maintain quality manufacturing processes and products. Those trained through the grant include machinists, electrical and electronic equipment assemblers, and installation maintenance and repair workers. Upon completion of training, workers will earn an average hourly wage of \$21.85.

“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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