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Frito-Lay Partners with Wharton County Junior College for \$500,000 Job-Training Grant

AUSTIN – Frito-Lay North America Inc. (Frito Lay) has partnered with Wharton County Junior College to provide job training using a \$500,000 Skills Development Fund grant from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC).

The grant will be used to custom train 451 new and incumbent workers on new technology upgrades to equipment and systems. Upon completion of training, the workers will earn an average hourly wage of \$18.37.

“This grant represents an investment in our future,” said TWC Chairman Tom Pauken. “We take pride in the fact that we can continue to provide businesses a ready and highly 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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