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Airbus Helicopters Partners with Mountain View College for \$498,540 Job-Training Grant

AUSTIN – Airbus Helicopters Inc. has partnered with Mountain View College to provide job training for 308 new and incumbent workers using a \$498,540 Skills Development Fund grant from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC). The grant will benefit workers in the Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas area.

This grant will be used to provide customized training to 308 new and incumbent workers for industry-related topics with focused instruction on business and warehouse logistics management, FAA regulations for avionics, hazardous material transportation and forklift operations. Trainees will include mechanical and industrial engineers, customer service representatives, production planning clerks, stock and shipping clerks and aircraft mechanics.



On Feb. 11, 2016, TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar (center) presented a \$498,540 Skills Development Fund grant check to representatives from Mountain View College, Dallas County Community College District and Airbus Helicopters, Inc.

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Upon successful completion of training, trainees will have an opportunity for numerous certifications for Certified Logistics Associate, Certification Logistics Technician, Blood Borne Pathogens, OSHA Trainer, Forklift and Power Crane Operator and International Air Transport Association (IATA) and 49CRF Hazardous Materials. Upon completion of the training, the workers will receive an average wage of \$28.78.

“Skills grants deliver customized training solutions that help Texas employers and workers succeed in the marketplace,” said TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar. “This investment builds not only employee skills, but the capabilities of our community colleges to the benefit of employers and the community. We are pleased to make this investment.”

The Skills Development Fund grant program is celebrating 20 years of success as the state’s premier training program in 2015-16. The fund was initiated by the Legislature in September of 1995 and first began awarding contracts in 1996. During that time the Skills Development Fund grants have created or upgraded more than 329,333 jobs throughout Texas. The grants have assisted 4,141 employers with their customized training needs. The Legislature allocated \$48.5 million to the Skills Development Fund for the 2016-17 biennium. Employers seeking more information about the Skills Development Fund may visit the TWC website at www.texasworkforce.org/skills.

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