

# Texas Workforce Press Release

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## **INEOS and TEAM Industrial Partner with Alvin Community College for \$1.4M Job-Training Grant**

AUSTIN – INEOS Olefins and Polymers USA (INEOS) and TEAM Industrial Services Inc. (TEAM) have partnered with Alvin Community College to provide job training for 579 new and incumbent workers using a \$1,442,799 Skills Development Fund grant from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC). The grant will benefit workers in the Workforce Solutions Gulf Coast, Southeast Texas, Permian Basin, East Texas, Coastal Bend and Panhandle areas.

“This skills development fund grant is a wonderful opportunity for local community colleges and businesses to support job creation,” said state Sen. Larry Taylor.



TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar (center) presents a \$1.4 million Skills Development Fund Grant check to representatives from Alvin Community College, INEOS and TEAM during a ceremony on April 29, 2016. Pictured from left are: INEOS Human Resources Director Sam Scheiner, INEOS Special Projects and Workforce Development Manager David King, TEAM Director of Training Francis Labry, Alvin Community College President Dr. Christal M. Albrecht, Chairman Alcantar, Alvin Community College Board of Regents Bel Sanchez, Alvin Community College Board of Regents Doyle Swindell, state Sen. Larry Taylor and state Rep. Ed Thompson.

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## Training Grant

“It is a great opportunity for our workforce to receive updated skills from Alvin Community College and help employers remain competitive in the global marketplace,” said state Rep. Ed Thompson.

This grant will be used to provide customized training to 579 new and incumbent workers located at numerous facilities across Texas. Classes and training will be conducted at the Alvin Community College campus with a focus on industry-related topics such as gas turbine operations, TRICON systems, welding, chromatography, radiography, emission control systems, safety training and valve repairs. Trainees will include industrial and electrical mechanics; leak repair, hot tap, emissions control, field machining, and valve repair technicians; chemical plant and system operators; electrical and mechanical engineers; petroleum and welding inspectors; and radiographers.

Trainees may be eligible for several certifications including National Fire Protection Association, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Level I Infrared Thermography Training, American Welding Society, Radiographer, Ultrasonic Level I and Level II, and American Petroleum Institute. Upon completion of training, the workers will receive an average wage of \$29.09.

“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](http://www.texasworkforce.org/skills).

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