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Flowers Baking Co., LoneStar CNC Partner with North Central Texas College for \$515,124 Job-Training Grant

AUSTIN – Flowers Baking Co. of Denton and LoneStar CNC have partnered with North Central Texas College (NCTC) to provide job training for 250 new and incumbent workers using a \$515,214 Skills Development Fund grant from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC). The grant will benefit workers in the Workforce Solutions for North Central Texas area.



TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar (center) presents a \$515,124 Skills Development Fund Grant check to representatives from North Central Texas College (NCTC) and Flowers Baking Co. and LoneStar CNC on May 5, 2016. Pictured from left are: (back row) NCTC Dean of Lifelong Learning Jessica Carlile, Flowers Baking Co. Vice-President of Sales Mark Rhoads, Workforce Solutions for North Central Texas Business Development Kent Anderson, NCTC Foundation Board Member Mark Merki, NCTC Vice President of Instruction and Student Services Dr. Andrew Fisher, City of Denton Mayor Chris Watts, NCTC Workforce Grant Coordinator Brian Carnes. Front row from left are: Texas State Rep. Myra Crownover, Flowers Baking Co. President John Gilmer, Chairman Alcantar, Flowers Baking Co. Human Resources Michele Domes, Flowers Baking Co. Human Resources Doug Woolf and NCTC President Dr. Brent Wallace.

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Training Grant

This grant will be used to provide customized training to 250 new and incumbent workers for industry-related topics with focused instruction on industry-related topics such as bread oven operation, bun bagger, bun tray stacker and bun proofer operations, CNC machine maintenance, electrical basics and workforce safety. Trainees will include engineering, maintenance and production technicians, quality control food safety coordinator, shipping supervisor, production workers and bakers. Upon completion of training, the workers will receive an average wage of \$18.23

“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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