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The Toro Company Partners with El Paso Community College for \$353,349 Job –Training Grant

AUSTIN – The Toro Co. has partnered with [El Paso Community College](#) (EPCC) to provide job training for 286 new and incumbent workers using a \$353,349 Skills Development Fund grant from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC). The grant will benefit workers in the Workforce Solutions Borderplex area.

“I applaud the efforts of those involved in receiving this grant that will enable members of our community to receive the tools to enhance their professional skillset and make our city more competitive in the market,” said state Rep. César J. Blanco.



TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar presents a \$353,349 Skills Development Fund grant to representatives of El Paso Community College, and The Toro Company (Toro). Pictured from left: Toro HR Representative Gary Lagarreta, EPCC President Dr. William Serrata, TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar, Toro Director of Operations Paul Guerra, Toro representative Leo Duran, state Rep. Cesar Blanco, Executive Director of Workforce Solutions Borderplex Joyce Wilson, Workforce Solutions Borderplex Board Representative Brenda Gallardo, Toro Human Resource Manager Ana Wagner and Federal Reserve Bank Assistant Vice President in charge at the El Paso Branch Dr. Robert Coronado.

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Skills Training Grant

This grant will be used to provide custom training to 286 new and incumbent workers for industry-related topics with focused instruction on extrusion technology, blue print reading, infrared electrical inspection, metrology and scientific modeling. Trainees will include molding process technicians, quality inspectors, material handlers, tooling engineers, extrusion machine operators and production supervisors. Upon completion of training, the workers will receive an average wage of \$16.25.

“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.”

From the program’s inception in 1996 through 2014, Skills Development Fund grants have created or upgraded more than 316,000 jobs throughout Texas. The grants have assisted 4,074 employers with their customized training needs. The Legislature allocated nearly \$48 million to the Skills Development Fund for the 2014-15 biennium. Employers seeking more information about the Skills Development Fund may visit the TWC website at www.texasworkforce.org/skills.

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