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Manufacturing Consortium Partners with Frank Phillips College for a \$160,469 Job-Training Grant

AUSTIN – A Manufacturing Consortium has partnered with Frank Phillips College to provide job training for 97 new workers using a \$160,469 Skills Development Fund grant from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC). The grant will benefit workers in the Workforce Solutions Panhandle area.

This grant will be used to provide customized training for industry-related topics with focused instruction on plant operation, chemical process, programmable logic controller, and electrical skills training. Trainees will include mechanics, utility craftsmen, laboratory technicians and engineers. Upon completion of training, the workers will receive an average wage of \$38.16.



TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Julian Alvarez presents a \$160,469 Skills Development Fund grant check to representatives from Frank Phillips College and a Manufacturing Consortium on Thursday, Sept. 15. Pictured from left are: Frank Phillips College President Dr. Jud Hicks, Solvay Human Resource Specialist Taryn Fraley, Frank Phillips College Dean of Career & Technical Education David Carr, Service Engineering Repair Company (SERCO) General Manager Michael Rolan, Workforce Solutions Panhandle Workforce Development Director Marin Rivas, Commissioner Alvarez, and Solvay Specialty Polymers Senior Vice-President Dave Madden.

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“The partnership between Frank Phillips College and the Manufacturing Consortium on this Skills Development Fund grant will benefit both the local community and its workforce,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Julian Alvarez. “Our labor force is among the most talented and skilled in the world and we continue to seek and implement strategies to improve the skills of Texas workers.”

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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