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PECOFacet, Weatherford College Partner for \$613,936 Job-Training Grant

AUSTIN - PECOFacet is partnering with Weatherford College to provide customized training for new and incumbent employees using a \$613,936 Skills Development Fund grant from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC). This grant will benefit workers in the Workforce Solutions for North Central Texas area.

The grant will provide custom training to 350 new and incumbent workers with business-and-industry focused instruction to include advanced manufacturing and operations strategies, production technology and welding processes.



On Thursday, Oct. 1 TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ruth R. Hughs presented a \$613,936 Skills Development Fund grant to representatives from Weatherford College and PECOFacet. From Left: Workforce Solutions North Central Texas Executive Director David Setzer; PECOFacet Global Employee Relations and Development Manager LeAnn Ridens; Commissioner Hughs and Weatherford College President Dr. Kevin Eaton.

Those trained will include manufacturing engineers, manufacturing leads, welders and machine operators. Upon completion of training, the workers will receive an average hourly wage of \$22.12.

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“This grant will help PECOFacet meet their demands for skilled workers,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ruth R. Hughs. “We are committed to helping Texas businesses as they expand and succeed.”

This year marks 20 years of the Skills Development Fund customized training opportunities for Texas businesses and their workers. From its inception in September 1995 through 2014, the Skills Development Fund grants have created or upgraded more than 316,000 jobs throughout Texas. The grants have assisted more than 4,074 employers with customized training needs. The Legislature allocated nearly \$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](#).

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