

# Texas Workforce Press Release

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## **James Hardie and Navarro College Partner for \$82,133 Job-Training Grant**

AUSTIN – James Hardie Industries Ltd. is partnering with Navarro College to provide customized training for incumbent employees using an \$82,133 Skills Development Fund grant from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC). This grant will benefit workers in the Workforce Solutions for North Central Texas area.

This grant will be used to provide custom training to 58 incumbent workers for industry-related topics with focused instruction on electrical controls, hydraulics and pneumatics, programmable logic controllers, welding and database management. Trainees will include mechanics, electricians, operation supervisors, maintenance technicians, operators, welders and process technicians. Upon completion of training, the workers will receive an average wage of \$25.38.

“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.”



TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar presents an \$82,133 Skills Development Fund grant check to representatives from Navarro College – Waxahachie Campus and James Hardie Industries.

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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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