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Manufacturing Consortium Partners with Texas State Technical College for \$527,400 Job-Training Grant

AUSTIN – A Manufacturing Consortium has partnered with Texas State Technical College (TSTC) to provide job training using a \$527,400 Skills Development Fund grant from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC). The grant will benefit workers in the Workforce Solutions for North Central Texas area.

“This partnership with local manufacturers and TSTC will focus on advanced technical training to support employee efficiency, retention and safety,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ruth R. Hughs. “We are pleased to present this grant which will create new employment opportunities for the north Texas area.”



TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ruth R. Hughs makes a \$527,400 Skills Development Fund check presentation to representatives from a manufacturing consortium and Texas State Technical College (TSTC). Pictured from left to right are: Sharon Crocker, Betafence Human Resources; Aimee Tate, Cardinal Health Human Resources; Roel Lopez, Betafence Chief Operating Officer; Commissioner Hughs; Marcus Balch, TSTC Provost; and John Owen, Kinro General Manager.

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This grant will be used to provide customized training to 243 new and incumbent workers for industry-related topics with focused instruction on industrial electricity, transportation and logistics, and programmable Logic Controller. Trainees will include architectural and civil drafters, structural fabricator welders, cutting machine operators, packaging technicians and transportation supervisors. Upon completion of training, the workers will receive an average wage of \$22.16.

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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