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Del Mar College Awarded \$175,445 Veterans and Industry Partnership Job-Training Grant

AUSTIN – The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) and the Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) are partnering with Del Mar College to provide job training using a \$175,445 Skills Development Fund grant through the Veterans and Industry Partnership (VIP) program. The VIP program is a TWC initiative designed to help veterans receive advanced training for specific occupations in information technology, advanced manufacturing and petrochemical industries in areas where those jobs are in high demand.

The grant will be used to provide a 164-hour custom training program to 88 veterans to provide carpentry, safety and construction skills needed for occupations in the petrochemical industry. The Workforce Solutions of the Coastal Bend and the TVC have assisted in the recruitment and placement of veterans in ongoing VIP programs at Del Mar College.



TWC Commissioner Hope Andrade presents a \$175,445 veterans job-training grant to representatives from Del Mar College, Workforce Solutions of Coastal Bend, Texas Veteran's Commission, Disabled Texas Veterans and area businesses.

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Upon successful completion of the program, participants will earn a Workforce Skills Award from Del Mar College and an industry-recognized Occupational Health and Safety Administration 16 card. Courses include construction safety, building codes and inspections, and basic electrical.

“Through the training provided by Del Mar College, this grant responds to the needs of local industry while enhancing the professional skills of a number of veterans and furthering their job opportunities in high-demand fields,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Hope Andrade.

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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