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Schlumberger Partners with Houston Community College for \$517,652 Job-Training Grant

AUSTIN – Schlumberger Ltd. has partnered with Houston Community College to provide job training using a \$517,652 Skills Development Fund grant from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC). The grant will benefit workers in the Workforce Solutions Gulf Coast area.

The grant will be used to custom train 415 new and incumbent workers to increase technical skill levels in areas of information technology, accounting, project management and instrumentation. Those trained include IT project managers, accounting clerks and supervisors, manufacturing engineers, designers and technicians. Upon completion of training, the workers will earn an average hourly wage of \$39.06.



On Thursday, April 30 TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar presented a \$517,652 Skills Development Fund Grant to representatives of Houston Community College (HCC) and Schlumberger Ltd. Pictured from left: HCC Chancellor Dr. Cesar Maldonado, TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar, Schlumberger North America Vice President of Human Resources Andrea Shaffer, Schlumberger Executives Candice Echavarry and Veronica Alesna and HCC Board of Trustees District 1 Chair Zeph Capo. *Photo courtesy Houston Community College Press*

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“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.”

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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