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3M and Domtar Personal Care Partner with TSTC for \$262,809 Job-Training Grant

AUSTIN – 3M Manufacturing and Domtar Personal Care have partnered with Texas State Technical College (TSTC) to provide job training for 145 new and incumbent workers using a \$262,809 Skills Development Fund grant from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC). The grant will benefit workers in the Workforce Solutions for the Heart of Texas area.

This grant will be used to provide customized training to 145 new and incumbent workers for industry-related topics with focused instruction on advanced motor controls, laser and radiation maintenance, electrical and plant engineering systems, and quality control. Trainees will include electrical and industrial technicians, mechanics, raw material coordinators, process technicians and maintenance operators. Upon completion of training, the workers will receive an average wage of \$17.61.



On March 3, 2016, TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar (center) presented a \$262,809 Skills Development Fund grant check to representatives from TSTC, 3M and Domtar Personal Care. Pictured from left: Domtar Personal Care Human Resources Manager Scott Vernon, Workforce Solutions for the Heart of Texas Business Manager Rene Clayton, Domtar Personal Care Plant Manager Greg Linscott, TSTC Vice President for Workforce Training Bob Livingston, Chairman Alcantar, 3M HR Manager Philip Rumble, TSTC Vice President of Sponsored Programs Carliss Hyde, TSTC Vice Chancellor Dr. Elton E. Stuckly Jr., and TSTC Provost Eliska Smith.

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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.”

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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