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Mission and McAllen Collaboration Targets High-Demand Job Training *TWC grant and local contributions creating Coding Bootcamp*

Mission – The Mission Economic Development Corp. (Mission EDC), Workforce Solutions Lower Rio Grande Valley (Lower Rio) and the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) have partnered to leverage funds to launch a \$150,000 innovative boot camp that will provide Full Stack Web Developer training. The customized training is made possible using a \$75,000 High-Demand Job Training grant from TWC which is leveraged with matching funds from Mission EDC. The grant will benefit workers in the Workforce Solutions Lower Rio Grande Valley area.

“This collaboration will provide high-tech customized training for high-demand programming careers while increasing business’ competitiveness in the global market,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Julian Alvarez.



TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Julian Alvarez and Mission EDC CEO Alex Meade presented a \$150,000 High Demand Job Training grant check to representatives from Workforce Solutions Lower Rio Grande Valley and Code RGV on August 24, 2016 to support a job training initiative. Pictured from left to right: Mission EDC Board Members Richard Hernandez, Cathy Garcia, Jody Tittle, Pete Jaramillo, Linda Requenez, Alex Meade, Commissioner Alvarez, CodeRGV Olmo Maldonado, state Sen. Juan “Chuy” Hinojosa, state Rep. Oscar Longoria, and state Rep Eddie Lucio III.

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This TWC grant is part of a \$1 million statewide effort to support collaborations between Workforce Solutions partners and local economic development entities to create occupational job training programs that will improve the skill sets of individuals for jobs in high-demand occupations in Texas communities. Code RGV, a local educational non-profit, specializes in tech skills development with rigorous prep, coding and job readiness training.

Through the High-Demand Job Training Program, local workforce development boards can apply for up to \$75,000 from TWC to be matched by local economic development corporations, while funds are available. For more on this training program, businesses are encouraged to contact their local Workforce Solutions office or visit the [High-Demand Job Training Program](#) webpage.

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