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## **TWC Allocates \$1 Million for Texas Industry Partnership Grants to Address Training Needs**

AUSTIN – The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) has announced the launch of the Texas Industry Partnership program, a \$1 million program to support collaborations between Workforce Solutions partners and private employers or corporate foundations to address skills needs and ensure a talent pipeline to address industry needs.

“The Texas Industry Partnership program delivers training solutions that help Texas employers and workers succeed in the marketplace,” said TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar. “Through this partnership between Texas Workforce Solutions and local employers or corporate foundations, this investment builds not only employee skills, but benefits the employers and the community.”

TWC matches funds provided by private employers or corporate foundations to collaborate with workforce development boards for job training projects to train new employees or upgrade the skills of existing employees for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) activities focusing on six designated industry clusters: advanced manufacturing, aerospace, biotechnology, information technology, petroleum refining and energy.

“The Texas Industry Partnership program will provide our employers with additional education and designated training opportunities to help them create jobs and train workers with the skills needed for today’s job market,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ruth R. Hughs.

Through this program, the 28 local workforce development boards will be able to apply for up to \$100,000 to match the amount committed by private employers or corporate foundations while funds are available.

“This program will help increase access to necessary training for job-seekers and ultimately help connect our labor force to employment in one of Texas’ many growing industries,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Julian Alvarez.

For more information on this program, visit the [TWC web page](#) or contact a local Workforce Solutions office or visit the Texas Industry Partnership [program webpage](#).

To apply for the grant funds, Workforce Solutions partners must enter into an agreement with one or more industry partner and submit the applications no later than Apr 30, 2017 for 12-month grants and no later than Feb 28, 2017 for 15-month grants.

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