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Workforce Solutions Texoma, Gainesville Economic Development Corp. Partner with North Central Texas College to Target High-Demand Job Training

AUSTIN – The Gainesville Economic Development Corp. (EDC) and Workforce Solutions Texoma have partnered with North Central Texas College (NCTC) to implement a simulated training environment for licensed vocational nurse (LVN) and registered nurse (RN) trainees. NCTC uses simulated learning to educate its students in a hands-on, risk-free environment. The customized training is made possible using a \$75,000 High Demand Job Training grant from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) awarded to Workforce Solutions Texoma who will leverage matching funds of \$75,000 from Gainesville EDC to fund the training.

Grant funding from the TWC’s Jobs and Education for Texans (JET) grant program in the amount of \$186,977 will assist in developing the technical education program and simulated learning equipment needed for the nursing program.

“These grants support strong partnerships between Gainesville EDC, Workforce Solutions, and education partners to enhance high-demand education and job training solutions that help students succeed in this important industry,” said TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar. “We are pleased to make this investment to support key equipment purchases and help build industry-aligned programs that are in high demand in this region.”



On October 17, 2016, TWC Chairman Alcantar (center) presented a JET grant check for \$186,977 and a \$75,000 High Demand Job Training grant check to North Central Texas College (NCTC). Gainesville EDC presented a \$75,000 check to NCTC for the training program. Also pictured among NCTC nursing faculty and staff are: NCTC President Dr. Brent Wallace, NCTC Dean of Health Sciences Dr. O. John Maduko, Deputy Director for Workforce Solutions Texoma Marsha Lindsey, Board President for the Gainesville EDC Tommy James, and Executive Director of the Gainesville EDC Arlene Loyd

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Training Grant

Qualifying educational institutions were awarded a grant for the development of programs or courses leading to a license, certificate or post-secondary degree. The JET grant program focuses on projects that target high-demand jobs in new or emerging industries. The JET program provides funding for equipment to eligible educational institutions for the purpose of developing career and technical education courses. The equipment must be used to train students for jobs in high-demand occupations. For more information on this grant program, visit the [JET Grant Program](#) webpage.

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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