

- 1 • are composed of individuals or groups of individuals with who have expertise in
- 2 workforce development and training;
- 3 • are located in and serve urban centers in the State of Texas;
- 4 • are training sponsors accredited by the National Center for Construction Education
- 5 and Research;
- 6 • provide industry-specific employment readiness training;
- 7 • provide a basic introduction to industry skills with curricula consisting of industry-
- 8 specific modules that cover various trade skills topics, including basic safety and
- 9 OSHA compliance, industry- or trade-specific math training, industry- or trade-
- 10 specific tools training, basic communication skills, and basic employability skills;
- 11 • target minority groups in underserved communities; and,
- 12 • have proven experience in administering training programs described herein
- 13 through contracting with state agencies or political subdivisions.

14 Eligible participants are Texas residents ages 18 or older, U.S. citizens or certified to work in the
15 U.S.

16 **Recommendation**

17 Staff seeks Commission approval to publish a Request for Applications (RFA) for the
18 Foundational Skills for Construction Career Pathways program using the criteria outlined in the
19 Rider to expend \$250,000 in grant awards in each year of the biennium for a total award of
20 \$500,000 to train eligible participants.