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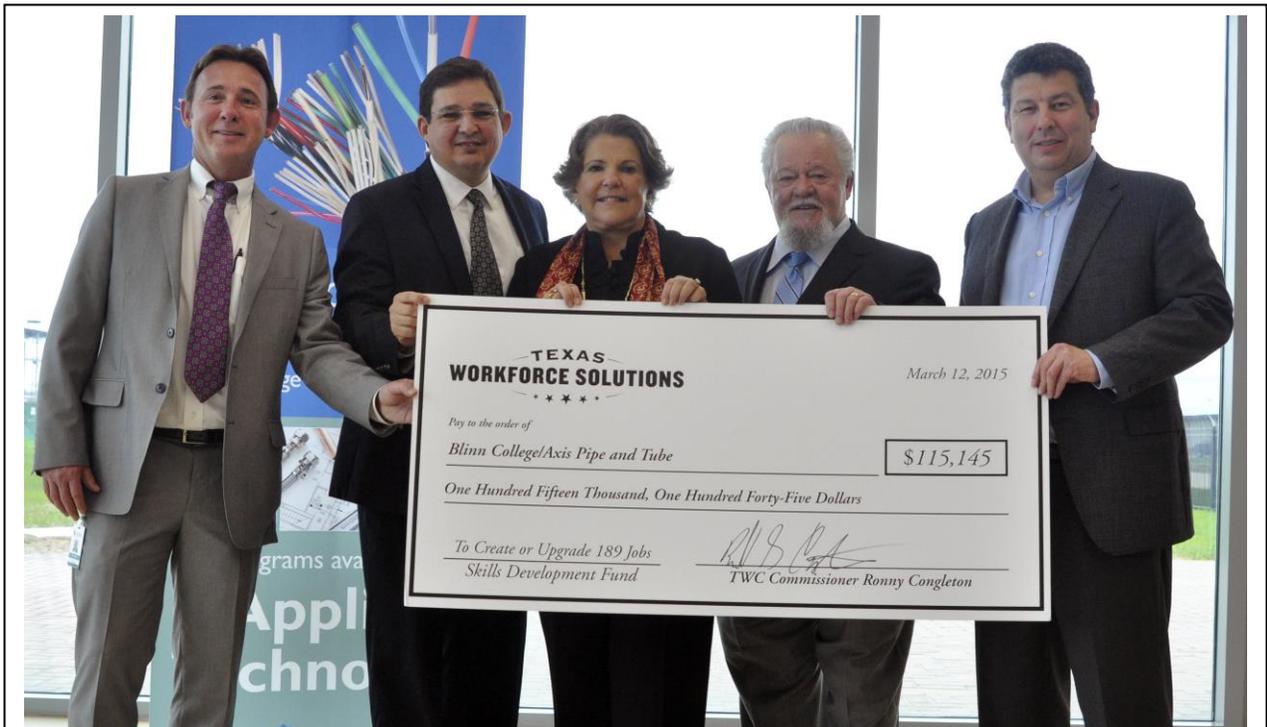
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Axis Pipe and Tube Partners with Blinn College for \$115,145 Job-Training Grant

AUSTIN – Axis Pipe and Tube Inc. has partnered with Blinn College to provide customized training for new and incumbent employees using a \$115,145 Skills Development Fund grant from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC).

Axis Pipe and Tube opened in Bryan in 2014 to manufacture electric resistance welded energy tubular products. The grant will be used to custom train 189 new and incumbent workers on safety procedures, forklift operation, basic computing and ultrasonic testing. Those trained will include welders, quality control specialists, engineers and machinists. Upon completion of training, the workers will receive an average wage of \$18.63.



TWC Commissioner Ronny Congleton presents a \$115,145 Skills Development Fund grant to representatives from Blinn College and Axis Pipe and Tube.

Pictured from left: Axis Pipe and Tube Director of Human Resources Jeff McMillian; Axis Pipe and Tube Vice President and General Manager Francisco Garza; Blinn College Interim President Dr. Ana M. “Cha” Guzman; TWC Commissioner Ronny Congleton; Axis Pipe and Tube CEO Jorge Garza-Montemayor

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“Our Skills Development Fund grants serve everyone well,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. “Workers get the specialized training they need and the communities benefit from a more highly skilled workforce.”

From the program’s inception in 1996 through 2014, Skills Development Fund grants have created or upgraded more than 316,000 jobs throughout Texas. The grants have assisted 4,074 employers with their customized training needs. The Legislature allocated nearly \$48 million to the Skills Development Fund for the 2014-15 biennium. Employers seeking more information about the Skills Development Fund may visit the TWC website at www.texasworkforce.org/skills.

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