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Campbell Soup Supply Co. Partners with Paris Junior College for \$499,708 Job-Training Grant

AUSTIN – The Campbell Soup Supply Co. Paris plant is partnering with Paris Junior College to provide customized training for incumbent employees using a \$499,708 Skills Development Fund grant from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC).

After a recent expansion, the Campbell Soup Supply Co. increased manufacturing volume resulting in additional jobs at the plant. The grant will be used to custom train 439 incumbent workers on safety procedures, label operator and maintenance training to meet production and technology demands. Those trained will include warehouse operators, maintenance workers and safety technicians. Upon completion of training, the workers will receive an average wage of \$19.06.



TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Hope Andrade presents a \$499,708 Skills Development Fund grant to representatives from Paris Junior College and the Campbell Soup Supply Co. From left: Northeast Texas Workforce Solutions Executive Director Randy Reed, Paris Junior College President Dr. Pamela Anglin, Commissioner Andrade, Campbell OE Training Coordinator Joyce Faulkner, and High Performance/Organizational Effectiveness Manager for Campbell North America-Paris facility Terese Kane.

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“The Skills Development Fund allows Texas employers access to customized training programs,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Hope Andrade. “This grant will result in a skilled workforce, a better quality of work for the employer, and in-demand certifications for many individuals in this community.”

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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