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Chevron Phillips Chemical Co. Partners with Frank Phillips College for \$378,637 Job-Training Grant

AUSTIN – Chevron Phillips Chemical Co. in Borger is partnering with Frank Phillips College to provide customized training for new and incumbent employees using a \$378,637 Skills Development Fund grant from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC).

Chevron Phillips Chemical manufactures specialty chemicals and plastics that require a technically skilled workforce for efficient, safe operation and maintenance of the plant. The grant will be used to custom train 271 new and incumbent workers to help them acquire recognized certifications and increased knowledge of national craft association standards for welders, corrosion engineers and mechanical engineers. Courses include basic computer skills, welding training, blueprint training and project management. Those trained will include supervisors, operators and electrical engineers. Upon completion of training, the workers will receive an average wage of \$39.08.



TWC Commissioner Hope Andrade presents a \$378,637 job-training grant to representatives from Frank Phillips College and Chevron Phillips Chemical Co.

From Left: Vice-Chairman of the Frank Phillips College Board of Regents Jay Campbell; FPC Dean of Career and Technology, David Carr; Commissioner Andrade; Chevron Phillips Chemical Company Plant Manager Stephen Goff; and Chevron Phillips Chemical Company Human Resources Manager Chris Orsak.

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“This Skills grant reflects an important partnership forged between Frank Phillips College and this longtime Borger employer,” said Texas Workforce Commissioner Representing Employers Hope Andrade. “The advanced technical skills resulting from this training will benefit these workers, this employer, and the community as a whole.”

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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