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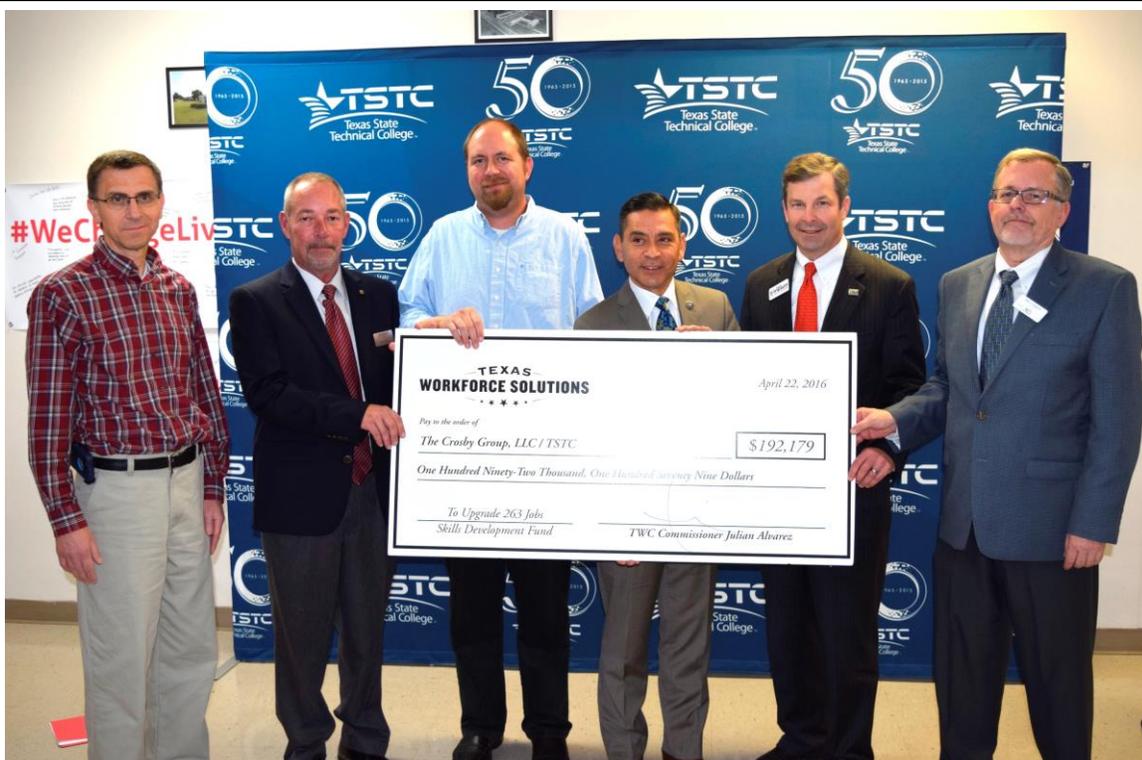
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The Crosby Group Partners with Texas State Technical College for \$192,179 Job-Training Grant

AUSTIN – The Crosby Group has partnered with Texas State Technical College (TSTC) to provide job training for 263 incumbent workers using a \$192,179 Skills Development Fund grant from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC). The grant will benefit workers in the Workforce Solutions East Texas area.

“We are pleased to make these investments into our Texas workforce,” said Rep. David Simpson. “This customized training provided through the Skills Development Fund will strengthen industry and educational partnerships throughout our communities to help industries find skilled workers.”



TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Julian Alvarez (center) presents a \$192,179 Skills Development Fund Grant check to representatives from Texas State Technical College and The Crosby Group during a ceremony on April 22, 2016. Pictured from left: The Crosby Group Human Resources Manager Mike Heidger, Texas State Technical College Provost Bart Day; The Crosby Group Plant Manager Christopher Burbick; Commissioner Alvarez; Texas Rep. David Simpson; TSTC Vice President of Industry Relations Bob Livingston.

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This grant will be used to provide custom training to 263 incumbent workers for industry-related topics include focused instruction on computer numerical controlled machining, advanced gas tungsten arc (TIG) welding, manufacturing safety and basic machining training. Trainees will include forge, machine shop and drill press operators, maintenance technicians, material handlers, and production floor supervisors. Upon completion of training, the workers will receive an average wage of \$21.41.

“The partnership between Texas State Technical College and The Crosby Group on this Skills Development Fund grant will benefit both the local community and its workforce,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Julian Alvarez. “Our labor force is among the most talented and skilled in the world and we continue to seek and implement strategies to improve the skills of Texas workers.”

The Skills Development Fund grant program is celebrating 20 years of success as the state’s premier training program in 2015-16. The fund was initiated by the Legislature in September of 1995 and first began awarding contracts in 1996. During that time the Skills Development Fund grants have created or upgraded more than 329,333 jobs throughout Texas. The grants have assisted 4,141 employers with their customized training needs. The Legislature allocated \$48.5 million to the Skills Development Fund for the 2016-17 biennium. Employers seeking more information about the Skills Development Fund may visit the TWC website at www.texasworkforce.org/skills.

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