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Construction Consortium Partners with North Lake College for \$1.48 Million Job-Training Grant

AUSTIN – A consortium of construction companies has partnered with North Lake College to provide job training using a \$1,483,039 Skills Development Fund grant from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC). The 19 building contractors who make up the consortium are members of the Construction Education Foundation.

The grant will be used to custom train 619 new and incumbent workers. Those trained will include plumber’s helpers, electrician’s helpers and construction laborers. Upon completion of the training, participants may be eligible for certifications in rigging, apprentice plumber, journeyman plumber, master plumber and apprentice electrician. Upon completion of training, the workers will earn an average hourly wage of \$23.26.



TWC Commissioner Ronny Congleton presents a \$1,483,039 Skills Development Fund grant check to North Lake College and the Construction Education Foundation.

Pictures from left to right are: North Lake College President Christa Slejko, North Lake College VP of Workforce Education Paul Kelemen, Commissioner Congleton and President of Construction Education Foundation Jane Hanna.

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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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Business Partners

Company Name	# Jobs Created	# Jobs Upgraded	City
Armstrong Mechanical	0	3	Lubbock
ARS Rescue Rooter Dallas	0	1	Dallas
Atlas Plumbing & Heating Co	1	0	Dallas
Boen Plumbing, Inc.	0	1	Waco
Brians Plumbing Inc	0	2	Wichita Falls
Central Texas Plumbing Solutions	0	4	Waco
City Wide Mechanical	1	2	Dallas
Cove Plumbing Inc	0	2	Copperas Cove
Cummings Electrical Inc	10	305	Fort Worth
Doug Turner Plumbing	0	2	Stafford
DynaTen Corporation	12	225	Fort Worth
Lochridge Priest, Inc	0	2	Waco
MMM Plumbing Heating and Air	6	8	Amarillo
Modern Plumbing, Inc	0	1	Pasadena
Pratt Plumbing	0	2	Amarillo
R E C Industries Inc	1	10	College Station
Service Response Team	4	11	Watauga
Shelton Plumbing Inc	1	0	Waco
Witt Plumbing Inc	1	1	Burleson

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