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Worldwise, Trostel, WoodCrafters Home Products Partner with South Texas College for \$334,648 Job-Training Grant

AUSTIN – Worldwise Inc., Trostel Ltd. and WoodCrafters Home Products LLC have partnered with South Texas College (STC) to provide job training for 217 new and incumbent workers using a \$334,648 Skills Development Fund grant from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC). The grant will benefit workers in the Workforce Solutions Lower Rio Grande area.

This grant will be used to provide custom training to 217 incumbent workers for manufacturing related topics with focused instruction on computer skills, welding metallurgy, occupational safety, quality assurance, rapid improvement implementation, supply chain management and value stream mapping. Trainees who complete the training may be eligible for ISO, OSHA, Forklift and First Aid Life Saver certification. Upon completion of training, the workers will receive an average wage of \$14.90.



TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar presents a \$334,648 Skills Development Fund Grant to representatives of South Texas College (STC) and partnering agencies. Pictured from left: STC Interim Training Manager for the Institute of Advanced Manufacturing Raul Ruiz, STC Interim Associate Dean of Industry Training & Economic Development Carlos Margo, STC President Dr. Shirley A. Reed, Chairman Alcantar, Worldwise General Manager Tracy Rogers, WoodCrafters Home Products PMO Systems Training Manager Javier Rodriguez and Trostel Plant Manager Jorge Kuri.

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“Skills grants deliver customized training solutions that help Texas employers and workers succeed in the marketplace,” said TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar. “This investment builds not only employee skills, but the capabilities of our community colleges to the benefit of employers and the community. We are pleased to make this investment.”

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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