

# Texas Workforce Press Release

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## **Southwest Electronic Energy Corp., Wharton County Junior College Partner for \$198,352 Job-Training Grant**

AUSTIN – Southwest Electronic Energy is partnering with Wharton County Junior College to provide customized training for new and incumbent employees using a \$198,352 Skills Development Fund grant from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC). This grant will benefit workers in the Workforce Solutions Gulf Coast area.

The grant is providing custom training to 68 new and incumbent workers with business-and-industry focused instruction, to include basic computer skills, drafting standards, soldering and microcontrollers.



TWC Commissioner Ronny Congleton presents a \$198,352 Skills Development Fund grant to representatives from Wharton County Junior College and Southwest Electronic Energy. Pictured from left: WCJC Continuing Education Corporate Coordinator Tamara Sealy; Commissioner Congleton; WCJC Director of Continuing Education Alice Atkins; Southwest Electronic Energy Vice-president of Quality and Reliability Paula White; Southwest Electronic Energy Controller/HR Manager Beth Rayhill; Southwest Electronic Energy Vice-President of Administration Bill Kvinta; WCJC President Betty McCrohan; WCJC Board of Trustees members Amy Rod and Larry Sitka.

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Those trained will include production assistants and leads, electronic engineer technicians and warehouse associates. Upon completion of training, the workers will receive an average hourly wage of \$26.40.

“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.”

This year marks 20 years of the Skills Development Fund customized training opportunities for Texas businesses and their workers. From its inception in September 1995 through 2014, Skills Development Fund grants have created or upgraded more than 316,000 jobs throughout Texas. The grants have assisted more than 4,074 employers with customized training needs. The Legislature allocated nearly \$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](http://www.texasworkforce.org/skills).

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