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## **\$2 Million Available to Support Small Business Training Through Skills for Small Business Program**

AUSTIN – The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Skills for Small Business program has announced \$2 million in funding to support collaborations between Workforce Solutions partners and small businesses. Businesses with fewer than 100 employees can apply to TWC for training offered by a local community or technical college, or the Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX).

“TWC is proud to support the continued innovation and growth of the small businesses that form the backbone of our state economy through the Skills for Small Business program,” said TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar. “Through Skills for Small Business, Texas employers can use the valuable, customized training offered through our community and technical college partners to quickly equip their workers with the skills needed to succeed.”

Small businesses interested in training for their employees may be eligible to receive up to \$1,800 to train new workers and up to \$900 to train existing workers. The Skills for Small Business program provides state-funded training to businesses to meet their business needs, with an emphasis on training new workers or upgrading skills of incumbent workers.

“There are approximately 470,000 small businesses in Texas and they employ nearly half of the state’s private workforce,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ruth R. Hughs. “The Skills for Small Business program requires a simple application process and provides additional education and designated training opportunities needed for today’s employers.”

Since the program’s inception in 2010, Skills for Small Business has awarded \$5.7 million in grants to meet the training needs of small businesses.

“Workers employed by small businesses play a key role in the success of the state,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Julian Alvarez. “This program will help increase access to necessary training for new and incumbent employees and ultimately help connect our labor force to employment in one of Texas’ many small businesses.”

Employers seeking more information about the Skills for Small Business program, including applications and information about how to apply may visit the [TWC Skills for Small Business for Employees web page](#).

Community Colleges who would like more information on this program should visit the [Skills for Small Business webpage for Training Providers](#) or contact a local Workforce Solutions office.

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