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J-M Manufacturing Partners with Wharton County Junior College for \$139,506 Job-Training Grant

AUSTIN – J-M Manufacturing Company Inc. has partnered with Wharton County Junior College to provide job training for 66 new and incumbent workers using a \$139,506 Skills Development Fund grant from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC). The grant will benefit workers in the Workforce Solutions Gulf Coast area.

This grant will be used to provide customized training with a focus on industry-related topics such as polyethylene, poly-vinyl chloride, tool and die casting, motors and transformers, and Programmable Logic Controllers (PLC). Trainees will include electricians, extrusion technicians, fabricators, grinders, maintenance mechanics, production technicians, and tool and die makers. Upon completion of training, the workers will receive an average wage of \$20.48.

“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.”



On Oct. 18, 2016, TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar (center) presented a \$139,506 Skills Development Fund grant check to representatives from Wharton County Junior College (WCJC) and J-M Manufacturing Co. Inc. Pictured with Chairman Alcantar are WCJC board members and J-M Manufacturing Plant Manager. Additional photos can be found downloaded from our [Flickr](#) page.

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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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