

# Texas Workforce Press Release

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## **Medical Center Alliance Partners with El Centro College for \$527,022 Job-Training Grant**

AUSTIN – Medical Center Alliance has partnered with El Centro College to provide customized training for new and incumbent employees using a \$527,022 Skills Development Fund grant from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC). This grant will benefit workers in the Workforce Solutions Tarrant County area.

Medical Center Alliance provides surgical, imaging, endoscopy, woman’s and labor services. The grant will be used to custom train 192 new workers to provide them with technical skills for healthcare management, nursing certification and case management. Upon completion of training, the workers will earn an average hourly wage of \$47.96. The grant was received in honor of Medical Center Alliance employee the late Tashalla Thomas.



TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton (left of check) presents a \$527,022 Skills Development Fund grant check to representatives from El Centro College and Medical Center Alliance. Pictured with Commissioner Congleton are the Medical Center Alliance and El Centro College teams with friends and family of Tashalla Thomas, Medical Center Alliance Chief Nursing Officer Judith Messer and El Centro College Bill J. Priest Institute Executive Dean Jennie Pollard.

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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 [Skills Development Fund website](#).

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