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Dow Chemical Co. Partners with Brazosport College for \$1.6M Job-Training Grant

AUSTIN – Dow Chemical Co. has partnered with Brazosport College to provide job training for 763 new and incumbent workers using a \$1,657,762 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 to 763 new and incumbent workers for industry-related topics with focused instruction on industrial programming, control theory, electricity, chemical engineering, process technology, environmental and safety training. Trainees will include process, mechanical, electrical engineers, analyzer, process control and instrument technicians, scientists, and operators. Upon completion of training, the workers will receive an average wage of \$36.31.



TWC Chairman and Commissioner Representing the Public Andres Alcantar presents a \$1.6 million Skills Development Fund grant to representatives of Dow Chemical Co. and Brazosport College on Nov. 5, 2015.

From left: TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar; Director of Governmental Affairs, Southwest Region, Dow Chemical Co Daniel Womack; and Brazosport College Vice President, Industry & Community Resources Anne Bartlett.

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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.”

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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