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Electrical Contractor Consortium Partners with Brookhaven College for \$973,756 Job-Training Grant

AUSTIN – Electrical Contractor Consortium has partnered with Brookhaven College to provide customized training for new and incumbent employees using a \$973,756 Skills Development Fund grant from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC). The consortium consists of Able Electric Service, Facility Solutions Group, George McKenna Electrical Contractors, Intext Electrical Contractors, JMEG and Kevco Electrical Construction. This grant will benefit workers in the Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas and North Central Texas areas.

The employers in the Electrical Contractor Consortium provide electrical testing, customer service and warehouse operation. The grant will be used to custom train 438 new and incumbent workers to provide them with technical skills for apprentice, journeyman and master electrician. Upon completion of training, the workers will earn an average hourly wage of \$19.90.



TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton (right of check) presents a \$973,756 Skills Development Fund grant check to representatives from Brookhaven College and a consortium of electrical contractors. From left: Brookhaven College Associate Vice President of Workforce and Continuing Education Vernon Hawkins; Able Electric Human Resources Manager Karla Aguilar; Northlake College Vice President of Planning and Development Candace Castillo; George McKenna Electrical Contractors Project Manager Doug Klages; Brookhaven College President Dr. Thom D. Chesney; Facility Solutions Group Human Resources Director Doug Sturdivant; Dallas County Community College District Vice Chancellor for Workforce and Economic Development Mark Hays; JMEG Vice President of Operations William L. Mitchell; Kevco Electrical President Kevin Richardson and Commissioner Congleton.

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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.”

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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