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Local School Districts, Laredo Community College Partner for \$225,000 Dual Credit, Job-Training Grant

AUSTIN – The Laredo and United Independent School Districts (ISDs) are partnering with Laredo Community College to provide customized training and dual-credit to students using a \$225,000 Skills Development Fund grant from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC). This grant will benefit the Workforce Solutions South Texas area.



Commissioner Representing Employers Ruth R. Hughs makes a \$225,000 Dual Credit check presentation to representatives from Laredo Community College (LCC) and area high schools on November 5, 2015.

FROM LEFT: Laredo Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Miguel Conchas; LCC Vice President for Instruction and Student Services Dr. Vincent Solis; Laredo Development Foundation Executive Director Olivia Varela; Workforce Solutions for South Texas Executive Director Rogelio Treviño; LCC Board Trustee Jackie Ramos; City of Laredo Mayor Pete Saenz; LCC President Dr. Juan Maldonado; TWC Commissioner Hughs; LCC Economic Development Director Rodney H. Rodriguez; LCC Assistant Dean to Workforce Education Roxanne Vedia; Laredo ISD Student Services Director Maggie Martinez; Laredo Community College Assistant Vice-President for Instruction Dr. Fred Solis; United ISD Executive Director Dr. Alicia Carrillo; Jim Hogg County Judge Humberto Gonzalez.

The grant supports training for students in Level I and Level II certificate programs in the Heating, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration (HVAC) Technology industry offered at Laredo Community College. The college is one of two accredited education institutions to offer industry-recognized certifications in Texas.

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Students enrolled in the program earn the EPA Section 608 certification, which is required for working with refrigerants on stationary equipment. Upon successful completion of training, some students may be eligible to attain certain Level I HVAC certifications and a pathway for dual enrollment at Laredo Community College.

“Through the successful collaboration between Laredo Community College and area high schools, local students will be provided access to training that will accelerate college and career pathways and prepare them for future success,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ruth R. Hughs.

This dual-credit grant is an expansion of the Skills Development Fund to support certain joint-credit courses offered by school districts in partnership with public junior colleges, public state colleges or public technical institutions. This funding is made available to further support the creation and expansion of dual-credit career and technical educations in Texas schools that are highly technical in nature, addressing local area demands for high-skill, high-demand and high-wage industries. Individuals seeking more information about the Skills Development Fund may visit the TWC website at www.texasworkforce.org/skills.

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