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## **Manor ISD Partners with Austin Community College for \$224,178 Dual-Credit Training Grant**

AUSTIN – Manor Independent School District (Manor ISD) has partnered with Austin Community College (ACC) to offer Career and Technical Education (CTE) programming to junior and senior high school students using a \$224,178 Skills Development Fund grant from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC). Collaborative efforts involved various partners including Workforce Solutions Rural Capital Area, Samsung, Austin Regional Manufacturers Association and Associated Builders and Contractors.

This grant supports dual-credit curriculum development focused on occupational areas of computer network support specialists, electrical and electronics engineering technicians, electrical power-line installers and repairers and heating, ventilation and air conditioning mechanics and installers. Students will be eligible for industry-recognized credentials such as CompTIA, Manufacturing Skills Standards Council (MSSC), NCCER and EPA608.



TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar presents a \$224,178 Skills Development fund grant check to representatives from Austin Community College and Manor ISD on Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2015. Pictured from left to right: are ACC Trustee Guadalupe Sosa, ACC President/CEO Dr. Richard Rhodes, Manor ISD Superintendent Kevin Brackmeyer, Manor ISD Board President Marlin Thomas, Chairman Alcantar, Manor ISD Board Secretary John Jonse, Manor ISD Board Trustee Elmer Fisher, Manor ISD Board Trustee Ana Cortez, Manor ISD Board VP Melinda Fiebig and Manor ISD Board Trustee Johnny Velasco.

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“TWC is proud to support this innovative partnership between Manor ISD, Austin Community College and industry partners which will provide area students with valuable dual-credit training to accelerate their college and career goals,” said TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar. “Collaborative efforts like these are a valuable investment and benefit the Texas economy.”

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. 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](http://www.texasworkforce.org/skills).

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