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Priefert Manufacturing Partners with Northeast Texas Community College for \$289,482 Job-Training Grant

AUSTIN – Priefert Manufacturing Co. Inc. has partnered with Northeast Texas Community College (NTCC) to provide job training for 260 new and incumbent workers using a \$289,482 Skills Development Fund grant from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC). The grant will benefit workers in the Workforce Solutions Northeast Texas area.

This grant will be used to provide custom training to 260 new and incumbent workers for industry-related topics with focused instruction on forklift operations, welding and craning principles. Trainees will include welders, production floor supervisors and material movers. Upon completion of training, the workers will receive an average wage of \$16.77.



TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar presents a \$289,482 Skills Development Fund grant check to Priefert Manufacturing and Northeast Texas Community College on Wednesday, Nov. 11 2015. Pictured from left to right are: NTCC President Dr. Brad Johnson, NTCC Associate VP of Workforce Development Dr. Kevin Rose, Chairman Alcantar, Priefert Manufacturing Executive VP Nate Priefert and Priefert Manufacturing CEO and Chairman of the Board Bill Priefert.

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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.”

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Training Grant

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, 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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