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Jack Henry & Associates, Emerson Process Management Partner with Collin College for \$444,470 Job-Training Grant

AUSTIN – Jack Henry & Associates and Emerson Process Management Regulator Technologies have partnered with Collin College to provide job training using a \$444,470 Skills Development Fund grant from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC). The grant will benefit workers in the Workforce Solutions for North Central Texas area.



On Tuesday, Nov. 17, TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ruth R. Hughes presented a Skills Development Fund grant check to representatives from Collin College and partnering businesses.

From left: Collin College Director of the Center for Workforce & Economic Development Natalie Greenwell; Workforce Solutions for North Central Texas Executive Director David Setzer; Emerson Process Management Regulator Technologies Vice President of Engineering Tom Fredericks; Jack Henry & Associates Human Resources General Manager Ann L. Puddister; Commissioner Hughes; Collin College Senior Vice President for Academic, Workforce, and Enrollment Services Dr. Sherry Schumann, Collin College Executive Vice President Dr. Brenda Kihl,

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This grant will be used to provide custom training to 192 new and incumbent workers for information technology-related topics. Trainees will include software engineers, computer programmers, industrial engineers and project managers. Upon completion of training, the workers will receive an average wage of \$39.82.

“Through the training provided by Collin College, these Texas employers will be able to address identified job-training needs while enhancing the professional skills of their workers,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ruth R. Hughs. “We are excited to award this grant from the Skills Development Fund.”

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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