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Becton Dickinson and Plastic Molding Technology Partner with El Paso Community College for \$552,448 in Job-Training Grants

AUSTIN – Becton, Dickinson and Company (Becton Dickinson) and Plastic Molding Technology have partnered with El Paso Community College to provide job training for 207 new and incumbent workers using two Skills Development Fund grants totaling \$552,448 from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC). The grants will benefit workers in the Workforce Solutions Borderplex region.

Becton Dickinson will upgrade 126 jobs using a \$335,925 Skills Development Fund grant. The grant will be used to provide specialized training for medical drafting, manufacturing, electronics, plastics and robotics. Those trained will include production supervisors, mechanics, engineers and quality specialists. Upon completion of the training, the workers will receive an average hourly wage of \$19.86.



TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar presented a \$335,925 Skills Development Fund Grant check to representatives from El Paso Community College and Becton, Dickinson and Co. on November 21, 2016. Pictured receiving the check are representatives from El Paso Community College, Becton, Dickinson and Co., City of El Paso, and Workforce Solutions Borderplex. Photos from the event can be downloaded from our [Flickr page](#).

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TWC Chairman Andres Alcantar presented a \$216,523 Skills Development Fund Grant check to representatives from El Paso Community College (EPCC) and Plastic Molding Technology (PMT) on November 21, 2016. Pictured from left are: EPCC Vice President of Instruction Steve Smith, Mayor of El Paso Oscar Leeser, EPCC President Dr. William Serreta, PMT Marketing and Public Relations Associate Jennifer Perez, Workforce Solutions Borderplex COO Leila Melendez, TWC Chairman Alcantar, Workforce Solutions Borderplex John Barela, Workforce Solutions Borderplex Board Secretary Mica Short, EPCC AVP Workforce and Continuing Education Dr. Jaime Farias, EPCC Board of Trustees Chair Art Fiero. Photos from the event can be downloaded from our [Flickr page](#).

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Plastic Molding Technology will create or upgrade 81 jobs using a \$216,523 Skills Development Fund grant. The grant will be used to provide specialized training in injection molding operations, plastics manufacturing and plastic resource recovery. Those trained will include tool makers, process technicians, production associates, engineers and material handlers. Upon completion of the training, the workers will receive an average hourly wage of \$15.70.

“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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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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