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National Oilwell Varco and Anheuser-Busch Partner with Lone Star College for \$913,864 in Job-Training Grants

AUSTIN – National Oilwell Varco (NOV) and Anheuser-Busch have partnered with Lone Star College to provide job training for a total of 513 new and incumbent workers using two Skills Development Fund grants totaling \$913,864 from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC). The grants will benefit workers in the Workforce Solutions Gulf Coast area.



On Dec. 15, TWC Chairman and Commissioner Representing the Public Andres Alcantar presented Skills Development Fund grant to Lone Star College and representatives from National Oilwell Varco and Anheuser-Busch.

Top photo, from left: Chief of Staff to Chairman Alcantar Jennifer Colehower; Chairman Alcantar; Anheuser-Busch Senior People Manager Allison Barcz; Anheuser-Busch Senior Operations Manager Peter Roberts; Lone Star College Chancellor Dr. Steve Head; Lone Star College Executive Vice Chancellor Dr. Austin Lane.



Bottom photo, from left: Chairman Alcantar; Vice President Education Services National Oilwell Varco Grant Almond; Global Training Programs Manager National Oilwell Varco Melissa Dilliard; Director of Training National Oilwell Varco Arfinn Juvastol; Skills Development Coordinator National Oilwell Varco Bob Leighton; Lone Star College Chancellor Dr. Steve Head; Lone Star College Executive Vice Chancellor Dr. Austin Lane.

Training Grant

NOV will create or upgrade 271 jobs using a \$533,812 Skills Development Fund grant to provide specialized training, at multiple NOV locations, for industry-related topics with focused instruction on blue print reading, schematics, welding codes, hydraulics and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) training. Trainees will include assemblers, fabricators, inspectors, machinists, material handlers and safety technicians. Upon completion of training, the workers will receive an average wage of \$22.33.

Anheuser-Busch will create or upgrade 242 jobs using a \$380,052 Skills Development Fund grant to provide customized training for industry-related topics with focused instruction on boiler operations, maintenance and troubleshooting, programmable logic controllers and ammonia operating. Trainees will include lab analysts, maintenance and production workers, electricians and engineers.

“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.”

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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