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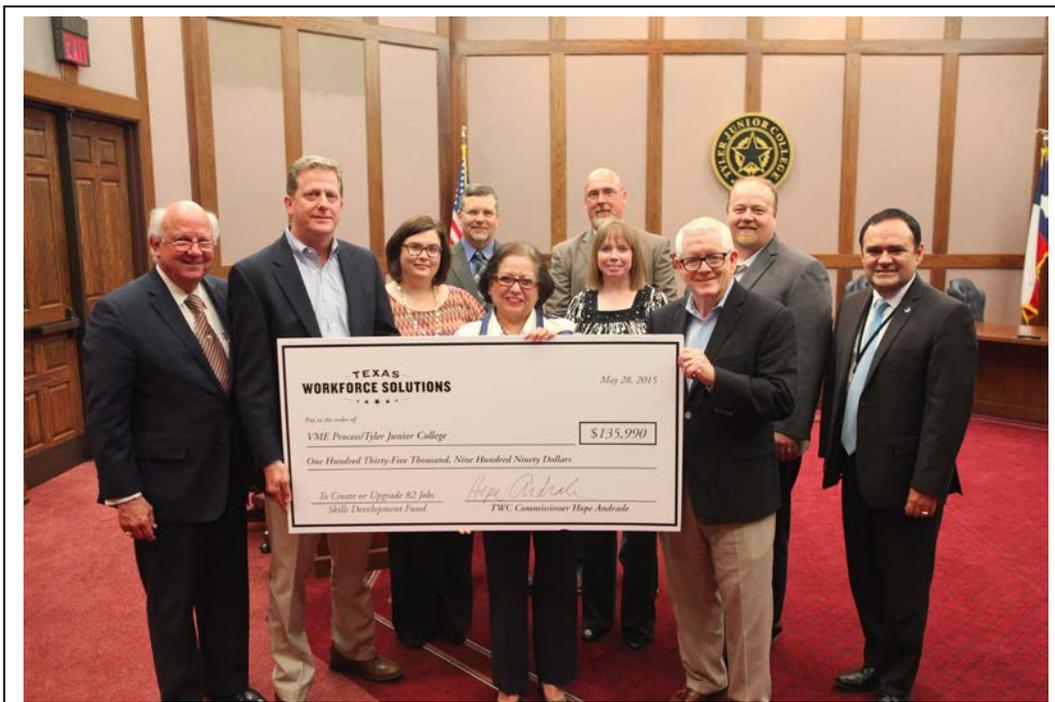
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VME Process Partners with Tyler Junior College for \$135,990 Job-Training Grant

AUSTIN – VME Process has partnered with Tyler Junior College to provide job training using a \$135,990 Skills Development Fund grant from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC). The grant will benefit workers in the Workforce Solutions East Texas area.

The grant will be used to custom train 82 new and incumbent workers to increase technical skill levels in customer service, basic computing, safety procedures and risk management. Those trained will include office administration personnel, production helpers and structural welders. Upon completion of training, the workers will earn an average hourly wage of \$17.98.



TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Hope Andrade (center) presents a \$135,990 Skills Development Fund grant to representatives from Tyler Junior College and VME Process. Front row from left: Tyler Junior College Dean of Continuing Studies Dr. Aubrey Sharpe, VME Fabricators Vice President Greg Dean, Commissioner Andrade, Tyler Economic Development Council President/CEO Tom Mullins, Tyler Junior College Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Juan Mejia. Representatives from VME Process (back) attended the ceremonial check presentation benefitting 82 new and incumbent employees. *Photo courtesy Tyler Junior College*

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“This Skills grant reflects a key partnership forged between Tyler Junior College and this local manufacturer—VME Process,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Hope Andrade. “The resulting training will provide this Texas employer with the workforce it needs to grow, while giving employees from this region the opportunity to advance their skill sets.”

From the program’s inception in 1996 through 2014, Skills Development Fund grants have created or upgraded more than 316,000 jobs throughout Texas. The grants have assisted 4,074 employers with their customized training needs. The Legislature allocated nearly \$48 million to the Skills Development Fund for the 2014-15 biennium. Employers seeking more information about the Skills Development Fund may visit the TWC website at www.texasworkforce.org/skills.

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