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Gov. Perry Announces Advanced Manufacturing Grant

AUSTIN- Gov. Rick Perry today announced the award of a \$963,282 grant to Texas State Technical College (TSTC) in Harlingen so that it can expand training for advanced manufacturing workers.

“These funds will give workers the skills they need to access the opportunities of the future,” Perry said. “Job training is a critical component to economic revival, especially in areas of our state with higher rates of unemployment. I support increased funding for job training so that we can expand opportunities for more Texans.”

Perry announced in December that \$482,000 in discretionary funds from the Workforce Investment Act will be provided to TSTC in Harlingen to develop an advanced manufacturing and integrated systems technology training and employment program. This week the Department of Labor announced matching federal funds to TSTC, bringing the total grant to \$963,282. The grant will allow TSTC to train workers for state-of-the-art manufacturing jobs.

Perry has also committed to working with legislators to double funding for the Skills Development Fund to \$50 million.

“Economic development is inextricably linked to workforce development,” Perry said. “Without a skilled workforce, we will never be able to attract the jobs of tomorrow.”