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Closure Systems International Inc. Partners with Kilgore College for \$180,092 Job-Training Grant



Texas Workforce Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton presents a \$180,092 Skills Development Fund grant check to Kilgore College President Dr. Bill Holda. The grant will be used to train Closure Systems International Inc. workers at Kilgore College.

Photo courtesy of Kilgore College

AUSTIN – Closure Systems International Inc. (CSI) has partnered with Kilgore College to provide job training using a \$180,092 Skills Development Fund grant from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC).

The grant will be used to custom train workers for 133 upgraded jobs. Upon completion of training, workers will fill positions such as machine operators, maintenance mechanics and production technicians. They will receive an average hourly wage of \$17.62.

“Our Skills Development Fund grants serve everyone well,” said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. “Workers get the specialized training they need, and the communities benefit from a more highly skilled workforce.”

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Skills Development Fund

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2008, Skills Development Fund grants created or upgraded 19,689 jobs, which paid an average hourly wage of \$24.29. These grants assisted 148 Texas employers with their customized training needs. The Legislature has appropriated \$50 million to the Skills Development Fund for the 2008-09 biennium. Employers seeking more information about the Skills Development Fund may visit the TWC Web site at <http://www.twc.state.tx.us/svcs/funds/sdfintro.html>.

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