



Texas Workforce Commission Skills Development Fund Grant Check Signing. Signing Checks - Julian Alvarez, Commissioner Representing Labor, Texas Workforce Commission. Photo by Nick Young, Collin College photographer

TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION SKILLS DEVELOPMENT GRANT CHECK SIGNING

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Sept. 9, 2022 – Several Collin County businesses in McKinney, Wylie, and Plano will partner with Collin College for job-training using \$927,764 in combined Skills Development Fund grants from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC).

The awarded companies include NPIC and TYG Products with a \$243,368 grant, Deanan Gourmet Popcorn, Falcon Technologies, and Watson & Chalin Manufacturing Inc. with a \$360,571 grant, and Blount Fine Foods with a \$323,825 grant.

"It's rewarding to see the continuing collaboration between local growing companies, Collin College, and the Texas Workforce Commission to provide tailored workforce training," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Julian Alvarez. "This partnership reflects the commitment of providing employee development and help Texas workers sharpen their skill sets so they can flourish into successful careers."

These grants will provide customized training for employees of the awarded companies at no cost to the employer. Trainings will be specific to machinery and processes used by each business. Collin College will deliver more than 10,000 contact hours of training to 221 employees at NPIC and TYG Products, nearly 8,000 contact hours of training to 193 employees at Deanan Gourmet Popcorn, Falcon Technologies, and Watson & Chalin Manufacturing Inc., and nearly 5,000 contact training hours to 175 employees at Blount Fine Foods.

"We're grateful to be part of this celebration honoring the awarded companies, some of which have already received training through Collin College and recognize the benefits," said Collin College District President Dr. Neil Matkin. "We strive to provide resources to our communities to better prepare and meet workforce goals."

The trainings will be tailored and facilitated through the Grants Management Office at Collin College, which works to promote partnerships and training capacity to attract and retain businesses in the area.

Collin College serves more than 56,000 credit and continuing education students annually and offers more than 100 degrees and certificates, including a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN), a Bachelor of Applied Technology (BAT) in Cybersecurity, and a Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in Construction Management. The only public college based in Collin County, Collin College is a partner to business, government, and industry, providing customized training and workforce development. For more information, visit www.collin.edu.