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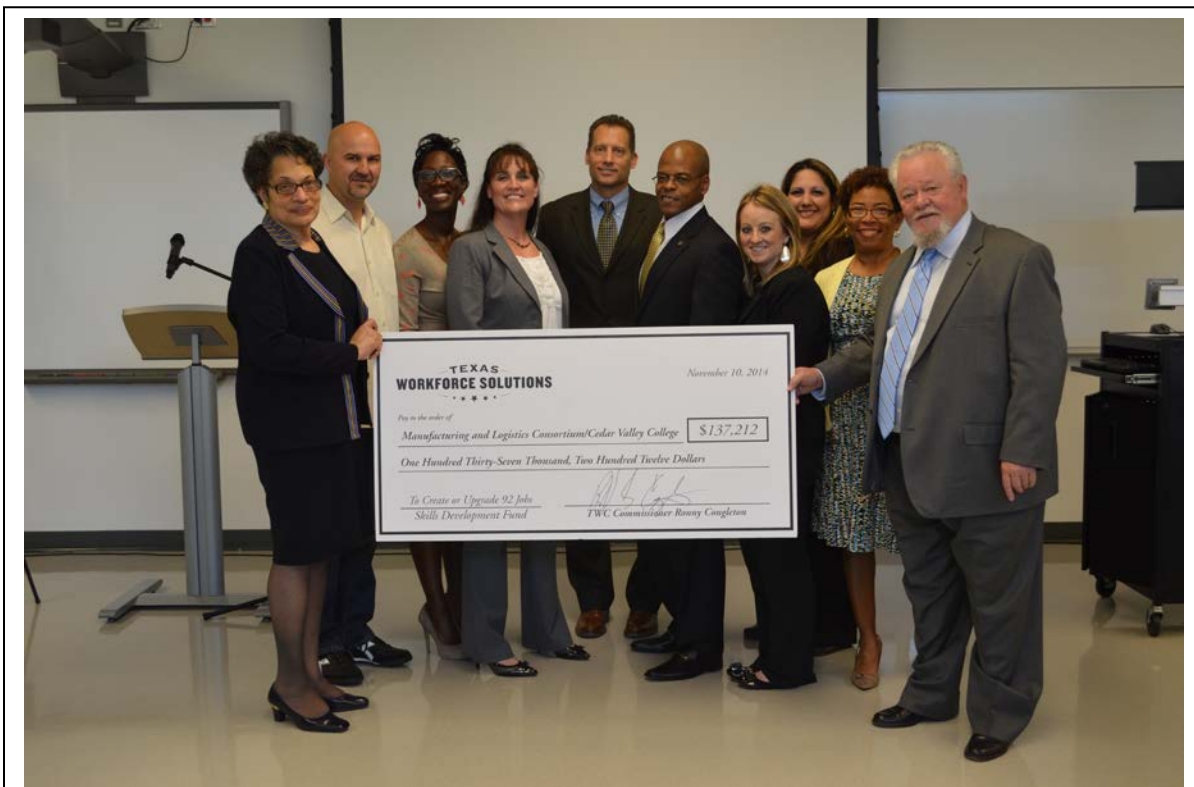
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## **Manufacturing and Logistics Consortium Partners with Cedar Valley College for \$137,212 Job-Training Grant**

AUSTIN – A Manufacturing and Logistics Consortium, comprised of Central State Manufacturing Inc., Premier LogiTech LLC and Romark Texas LLC, partnered with Cedar Valley College to provide job training using a \$137,212 Skills Development Fund grant from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC). The grants will benefit workers in the Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas area.



On Nov. 10, TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton presented a Skills Development Fund check to Cedar Valley College and representatives from Central State Manufacturing Inc., Premier LogiTech LLC and Romark Texas LLC. From left to right are: Cedar Valley College President Dr. Jennifer Wimbish, Central States Manufacturing Inc. Operations Manager Mark Glover, Economic Development Corporation-City of Cedar Hill Business Retention Specialist Erica Mollett, Central States Manufacturing Inc. Human Resources Manager Laverne Eills, Premier Logitech LLC President Scott Paul, Premier Logitech LLC CEO Darryl Smith, Romark Texas LLC Human Resources Manager Kayla Spence, Premier Logitech LLC Human Resources Manager Brenda Rodriguez, Workforce Solutions Greater Dallas Vice President of External Relations Linda Davis and Commissioner Congleton.

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The grant will be used to custom train 92 new and incumbent workers to provide specialized training in programmable logic control, lean practices, electrical basics, supply chain management, safety and more. Those trained will include production workers, equipment operators, warehouse associates and supervisors. Upon completion of training, the workers will earn an average hourly wage of \$16.95.

“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.”

From the program’s inception in 1996 through 2013, Skills Development Fund grants have created or upgraded more than 300,456 jobs throughout Texas. The grants have assisted 3,971 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](http://www.texasworkforce.org/skills).

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