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***Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County was awarded with
H1B Technical Skills Training Grant***

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) announced \$159,266,650 in grants to 36 public-private partnerships serving 20 states and the District of Columbia through the first round of funding under the H-1B Technical Skills Training Grant Competition. Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County is proud to announce that our grant application was one of the initiatives awarded with grant money from DOL. This four (4) year grant will provide education, training and job placement assistance related to high-growth occupations and industries including: Aerospace Engineers, Computer Software Engineers, Systems Software, Industrial Engineers, Mechanical Engineers and Electronic Engineers, Except Computer.

"These grants are an important part of the administration's efforts to help ensure that our workers have the chance to succeed in new and emerging fields, and that growing businesses have access to the skilled American workforce they need," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis.

All of the grantees are required — as demonstrated on their applications — to partner with at least one area employer that will provide assistance in one of the following areas: defining program goals and activities, identifying necessary skills and competencies, providing resources to support education and training, or helping design the program. Partners for this grant will include: Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, Lockheed Martin, Bell Helicopter TEXTRON, American Eurocopter , as well as others who will be announced as the grant gets underway.

Workforce Solutions for Tarrant is committed to Keeping Tarrant County Working!

Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County is Tarrant County's local workforce board and provides services to jobseekers and employers. A 29 member Board made up of business and community leaders chaired by Buddy Puente with Southwest Office Systems, Inc. works in partnership with the Workforce Governing Board (WGB), which is composed of Fort Worth Mayor Betsy Price, Arlington Mayor Robert Cluck and Tarrant County Judge Glen Whitley, to oversee Workforce services in Tarrant County. More information about the 6 centers we have throughout Tarrant County can be found at our website: www.workforcesolutions.net

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