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## **Frito-Lay Partners with El Centro College for \$492,522 Job-Training Grant**

AUSTIN – Frito-Lay has partnered with El Centro College to provide training for 706 new or upgraded jobs using a \$492,522 Skills Development Fund grant from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC).

The grant will be used to create or upgrade positions including managers, drivers, machine operators and packers. Upon completion of training, workers will receive an average hourly wage of \$22.98.

“This effort by Frito-Lay, El Centro College and Texas Workforce Commission is yet another example of how to help move Texas forward,” said state Rep. Yvonne Davis. “These types of programs that work with the private sector to match industry needs with an available workforce are models of good government. A strong workforce is part of the formula that stabilizes communities, and gainful employment helps to stabilize families.”

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

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2007, Skills Development Fund grants created or upgraded 20,831 jobs, which paid an average hourly wage of \$19.04. These grants assisted 281 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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