



Big News for Small Business in Texas!

Texas private, for-profit businesses with fewer than 100 employees can acquire skills training for their full-time employees at the local community or technical college, or the Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX). Tuition and fees are paid by the Skills for Small Business grant program.

- Businesses select in-class or online training course(s) from public community or technical college catalogs and schedules, and apply to the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) for funding.
- Businesses can request one or more courses for their employee(s).
- The program pays up to \$1,800 for each new employee and \$900 for existing employees per 12-month period.
- TWC approves the application, works with the college to enroll the employee(s), and pays the college for tuition and fees.
- TWC Project Specialists are available to help throughout the application process.



For more information and an application, visit <http://ssb.texasworkforce.org>, or contact the Employer Initiatives Project Development Team at (877) 463-1777 or e-mail skillsforsmallbusiness@texasworkforce.org.

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Employer Initiatives Mission:

**Connect businesses with value-added workforce solutions,
and develop innovative economic and workforce strategies.**

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WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS

Skills

Development Fund



Train your workforce.
Power your business.

Millions Available to Texas Employers

Customized training through state-funded Skills Development Fund grants ensures existing workers receive training to upgrade their skills and new employees gain proficiency in industry skill standards.

Providing skills training to your workforce powers your business to stay competitive in today's global market.

How does it work?

- A private, for-profit business, business consortium, or trade union identifies training that employees need, and then partners with a public community or technical college, or the Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX).
- The business(es) and college collaborate to develop a training program customized to the specific skills identified, then submit a grant proposal.
- The Skills Development Fund pays for the training. The college administers the grant using training methods that best accommodate the business, such as classroom, simulation, on-site, hands-on, and online instruction.

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