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McLane Advanced Technologies Receives Employer Award of Excellence

McLane Advanced Technologies Received the Employer Award of Excellence for the Workforce Solutions of Central Texas area. The Award was given during the Texas Workforce Commission's (TWC) 12th Annual Workforce Conference in San Antonio, Texas. The following press release was prepared by the Texas Workforce Commission:

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Austin, TX – McLane Advanced Technologies LLC (MAT) in Temple received the Employer Award of Excellence for the Workforce Solutions of Central Texas area at the Texas Workforce Commission's (TWC) 12th Annual Texas Workforce Conference from December 3 through 5 in San Antonio. The award honors employers that are actively involved with their local workforce board and have made a positive impact on employers, workers and the community.

"Strategic partnerships between regional employers and local workforce development boards have created the foundation for the state's resilient economy," said Andres Alcantar, Commissioner Representing the Public for TWC. "I commend McLane Advanced Technologies and Workforce Solutions of Central Texas for their contribution to their region and the state of Texas."

MAT provides software development and information technology services specializing in logistical support for national defense and other industries. Using a \$495,566 Skills Development Fund grant, the company worked with Workforce Solutions of Central Texas and Temple College to develop a customized training program to strengthen and enhance the pool of potential local employees in this emerging technology field, one of Gov. Rick Perry's Industry Clusters.

For the third consecutive year, Workforce Solutions Central Texas won a Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Exemplary Award, receiving a \$75,000 check for placing second among all 28 workforce boards.

WIA funds programs for dislocated workers, and disadvantaged adults and youth. Core services, including job-search and placement assistance, access to labor market information and eligibility determination for additional WIA-funded services, also are available to all Texans under WIA. To be eligible for an incentive grant, boards must meet a variety of criteria, including customer satisfaction and measures in areas such as employment and job retention. The TWC exemplary performance awards recognize boards that display increased accountability and improved efficiencies.

Workforce Solutions Central Texas is one of 28 local workforce development boards located throughout the state. The board serves Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills and San Saba counties. The primary goal of TWC and the workforce boards is to respond to the needs of Texas employers through locally designed, market-driven workforce development initiatives and services. All employers, workers and job seekers are eligible to take advantage of these services.

The Texas Workforce Commission is a state agency dedicated to helping Texas employers, workers and communities prosper economically. For details on TWC and the programs it offers in unison with its network of local workforce development boards, call (512) 463-8556 or visit www.texasworkforce.org

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