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McLane Advanced Technologies Provided \$322,280 Continuation of Texas Workforce Job Training Grant

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McLane Advanced Technologies (MAT) was recently awarded an 8 month continuation to their Texas Workforce Skills Development Fund Grant, administered by Temple College. This continuation was based on MAT having met all of the original grant requirements, their exceptional business growth, and the need for new employees and expanded skill sets.

The Central Texas area workforce and MAT have benefited from the original \$495,566 job-training Skills Development Fund grant. Originally, McLane Advanced Technologies partnered with Temple College in August 2007 to create or upgrade the skills of 247 engineers and technicians. On July 1, 2008, the Skills Development Fund grant was infused with an additional \$322,280 for a seamless continuation to further develop the workforce.

Temple College, together with MAT, assembled a grant continuation proposal which was ultimately accepted by the Texas Workforce Commission. In a letter written to MAT, Tyler Smith, Director of Workforce Development from Temple College said, "because of your performance excellence and contribution to the local workforce, we will have another 8 months of valued partnership." Chuck Costanza, CEO of McLane Advanced Technologies announced the grant renewal stating, "We are thrilled to continue this training partnership with the Texas Workforce Commission and Temple College. Providing quality training and using leading edge technology, not only strengthens our local workforce but it contributes to a more stable economy."

Employers seeking more information about the Skills Development Fund may visit the TWC Web site at www.texasworkforce.org.

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