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Grant Award from Texas Workforce Commission to Propel Richardson and North Texas IT Workforce Skills in Partnership with Dallas College

Dallas College in collaboration with the Richardson Economic Development Partnership (REDP) has been awarded an \$801,993 IT Consortium Skills Development Fund Grant by the Texas Workforce Commission.

The grant will provide training to employees of three Richardson-based information technology businesses: RealPage, GXA and The Wilkins Group. RealPage is a leading global provider of software and data analytics to the real estate industry. Founded in 1998 and headquartered in Richardson, Texas, RealPage currently serves approximately 19 million units worldwide from offices in North America, Europe and Asia. GXA is a managed service provider (MSP) that delivers outsource I.T. services for other small and mid-sized companies which include cloud computing, backup and disaster recover, virtual CIO, and managed IT support.. The Wilkins Group, a multi-generational, minority, woman-owned small business, provides telecommunications services including installation, maintenance, repair and equipment deployment for major wireline and wireless providers.

The Richardson IT Consortium SDF grant will provide 12,575 hours of customized industry-specific training to a total of 539 workers over 18 months.

Dallas College, formerly the Dallas County Community College District, was founded in 1965, and comprises seven campuses: Brookhaven, Cedar Valley, Eastfield, El Centro, Mountain View, North Lake and Richland. Dallas College offers online learning, and serves more than 83,000 credit and 25,000 continuing education students during the fall and spring semesters. Dallas College also offers dual credit for students in partner high schools and early college high schools throughout Dallas County. Dallas College is committed to strengthening the local economy by offering an array of workforce training options to businesses.

<http://workforce.dcccd.edu/training>

The Richardson Economic Development Partnership is a joint initiative established by the City of Richardson and the Richardson Chamber of Commerce in 1984. REDP is dedicated to building a vibrant and thriving local economy by attracting new investment and jobs, through marketing and recruitment efforts and by working with existing employers.

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The Skills Development Fund is Texas' premier upskilling program. SDF grants provide site-specific, customized training opportunities for Texas businesses and their employees to increase skill levels and wages of the Texas workforce. www.twc.texas.gov/partners/skills-development-fund