

## **H-1B Technical Skills Grants Awarded in North Texas Region**

The H-1B Technical Skills Training grant program awards grants to local communities to provide high-level training to employed and unemployed workers for jobs in occupations where skills shortages exist.

“These grants will provide much needed skills training in high growth industries such as health services and information technology. This is helping build the 21st Century workforce and is part of the administration's commitment to keeping Americans employed in good paying jobs and our training programs targeted to occupations-in-demand.” [U.S. Secretary of Labor Elaine L. Chao](#)

### **Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County was awarded with H1B Technical Skills Training Grant**

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) announced \$159,266,650 in grants to 36 public-private partnerships serving 20 states and the District of Columbia through the first round of funding under the H-1B Technical Skills Training Grant Competition. Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County is proud to announce that our grant application was one of the initiatives awarded with grant money from DOL. This four (4) year grant will provide education, training and job placement assistance related to high-growth occupations and industries including: Aerospace Engineers, Computer Software Engineers, Systems Software, Industrial Engineers, Mechanical Engineers, Electrical Engineers, and Electronic Engineers, Except Computer.

"These grants are an important part of the administration's efforts to help ensure that our workers have the chance to succeed in new and emerging fields, and that growing businesses have access to the skilled American workforce they need," said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis.

All of the grantees are required — as demonstrated on their applications — to partner with at least one area employer that will provide assistance in one of the following areas: defining program goals and activities, identifying necessary skills and competencies, providing resources to support education and training, or helping design the program. Partners for this grant will include: Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce, Lockheed Martin, Bell Helicopter TEXTRON, American Eurocopter , as well as others who will be announced as the grant gets underway.

### **Workforce Solutions for Tarrant County is committed to Keeping Tarrant County Working!**