

## **DOL Funds Community-Based Job Training In the Petrochemical Industry**

The gulf coast region is home to the largest complex of petrochemical industries in the United States and second largest in the world. Even with high starting salaries (\$45,000 - \$65,000/yr), there is a critical shortage of qualified workers in the petrochemical industry. This is mainly due to industry expansion, changing technologies, and workforce retirement trends. In anticipation of the rising demand for highly skilled workers in the petrochemical industry, four colleges have formed a cooperative: Lee College, College of the Mainland, San Jacinto College, and Brazosport College. “We have received a three year grant from the Department of Labor, aimed primarily at improving the capabilities of the existing workforce/incumbent worker and educating future employees for the petrochemical industries,” said Willie Willis, Project Director of G.C. PIN. These colleges have taken an active role to “ensure that we can keep pace with the changing technology environment by training our existing workforce and preparing the next generation of energy employees for our future.” The grant is bringing more exposure to the process technology degree/certificate offerings and seven new courses for craft/maintenance areas that support the plant operation.

\*For more information regarding our course offerings, please refer to the websites listed below.



[WWW.LEE.EDU](http://WWW.LEE.EDU)



[WWW.BRAZOSPORT.EDU](http://WWW.BRAZOSPORT.EDU)



[WWW.COM.EDU](http://WWW.COM.EDU)



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