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### **Shermco Teams Up with North Lake College and Texas Workforce Commission**

IRVING – Shermco Industries hosted an event on Thursday, July 16 in celebration of an employee development collaboration with the Dallas County Community College District. The Texas Workforce Commission provided a Skills Development Fund grant of \$151,000 through which employees will receive continuing education and skills training provided by North Lake College in Irving, Texas.

“We are pleased to be able to connect Shermco with the funds to do this training. Personally, it’s nice to see the impact on people when they come in everyday” says Cynthia Brink, North Lake’s Coordinator, Workforce Education and manager of the Shermco project.

Because finding skilled workers is an increasing concern, North Lake College and Shermco Industries have teamed to focus on giving workers, both new and existing, the skills and education needed to work in technical industry professions. Last Thursday’s event brought together state officials, educators, managers, and trainees interested in learning more about the collaborative program. It focuses on hands-on skills training such as electrical engineering and computer technology as well as general business skills such as communication, software utilization and leadership - all provided by North Lake College.

Len Medcafe, a technical team member with Shermco Industries, said “Training will help keep me more informed and better understand my job.”

“Anytime you better a person’s skills, they feel better about themselves and do a better job” said Chris Allaire, Shermco Industries training director for in-house ShermcoYou!, an employee development program. North Lake College President, Christa Slejko, states “One of our most important missions is to bridge the gap. It’s wonderful to hear the stories. We feel like we’re a part of your success.”

After training is completed, workers will earn, on average, sixteen percent more per hour in their field of expertise than the local Dallas/Ft. Worth industry average for workers in the same skills category. The training from North Lake College combined with training provided at Shermco’s onsite training center will ensure that team members can start out with a solid foundation in work knowledge and grow toward a promising future.

“Texans are going back to work, and that makes me extremely happy,” said Texas Workforce Commissioner, Ronald G. Congleton, who presented the ceremonial check and provided the keynote address.

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