



**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Location:

City of Edinburg, Council Chambers
415 W. University Drive, Edinburg, Texas

July 8, 2025

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

5:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER, ESTABLISH A QUORUM

A. Pledge of Allegiance.

2. CERTIFICATION OF PUBLIC NOTICE

3. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A specific portion of the meeting shall be dedicated to allowing Public Comments which will be limited to three (3) minutes. Please note that this public comment period is not interactive. The Edinburg EDC Board may not respond to public comments.

If a resident desires to make a public comment in person, please complete the Public Comments Form which will be located outside of the City Council Chambers and submit the completed form to the Economic Development staff prior to the commencement of the Edinburg EDC Board meeting. We ask for everyone's cooperation in following this procedure.

All requests must be received beginning at 9am and end immediately before the start of the meeting.

Your request should include your name, address, and telephone number. We ask for everyone's cooperation in following this procedure.

5. AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Consider and take action on approval of Minutes for the Regular Board meeting held on June 23, 2025.
- B. Consider presentation and approval of a Sponsorship for "RGV LEAD Regional Workforce Alignment and Leadership Engagement."
- C. Consider presentation and approval of Workforce Development Training Program with South Texas College (STC).

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The EEDC will convene in Executive Session, in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Vernon's Texas Statutes and Codes Annotated, Government Code, Chapter 551, Subchapter D, Exceptions to Requirement that Meetings be Open. The EEDC May Elect To Go Into Executive Session On Any Item Whether Or Not Such Item Is Posted As An Executive Session Item At Any Time During The Meeting When Authorized By The Provisions Of The Open Meetings Act.

- A. Deliberation regarding economic development projects and possible action related to projects (§551.087 Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations; §551.071 Consultation with Attorney; §551.072 Deliberation Regarding Real Property; Closed Meeting).

(§551.087 Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations; §551.071 Consultation with Attorney; §551.072 Deliberation Regarding Real Property; Closed Meeting).

1. Project Caffeine
2. Office Space
3. Project Choo Choo
4. Project 25

B. Consultation with Attorney (§551.071 Consultation with Attorney; Closed Meeting)

7. OPEN SESSION

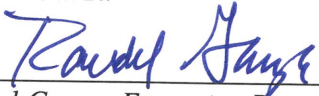
The EEDC will convene in Open Session to take necessary action, if any, in accordance with Chapter 551, Open meetings, Subchapter E, Procedures Relating to Closed Meeting, §551.102, Requirement to Vote or Take Final Action in Open Meeting

8. ADJOURNMENT

I hereby certify this Notice of an EEDC Meeting was posted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, at the City Offices of the City of Edinburg, located at the 415 West University entrance outside bulletin board visible and accessible to the general public during and after regular working hours.

This notice was posted on July 3rd, 2025 at 5:00pm.

By: /s/ Raudel Garza

Signature: 
Name: Raudel Garza, Executive Director
Edinburg Economic Development Corporation



Edinburg Economic Development Corporation

Meeting Date: July 8, 2025

Consider and take action on approval of Minutes for the Regular Board meeting held on June 23, 2025.

1. **Agenda Item:**

Consider and take action on approval of Minutes for the Regular Board meeting held on June 23, 2025.

2. **Description/Scope:**

Board meeting minutes are reviewed by Executive Director, Raudel Garza, and approved by the EEDC Board on a monthly basis.

3. **Estimated Timeline:**

N/A

4. **Budget:**

N/A

5. **Procurement/Selection Process:**

N/A

6. **Staff's Recommendation:**

Staff recommends approval.

7. **Justification:**

N/A

/s/ Raudel Garza, EEDC
Executive Director

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: June 23, 2025 Regular Board Minutes



MINUTES OF THE
EDINBURG ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

LOCATION:

City of Edinburg, City-Hall Council Chambers
415 W. University Drive. Edinburg, Texas

June 23, 2025

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

5:30 PM

PRESENT: Aaron Rivera, President
Marc Moran, Secretary
David Salazar, Director/ Councilmember
Sandra Alaniz, Director
Veronica Gonzales, Director

ABSENT: Richard Gonzales, Treasurer
Greg Vasquez, Director

STAFF: Raudel Garza, Executive Director
Deyanira Rivera, Administrative Assistant
Samantha Martinez, Business Operations Coordinator
Jaqueline Guerra, Marketing & Research Manager
Leticia Pantoja, Project Manager
Aaron Daniel Rivera, EEDC Attorney

1. CALL TO ORDER, ESTABLISH QUORUM

President, Aaron Rivera called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

Raudel Garza, Edinburg EDC Executive Director, proceeded with roll call and established quorum.

2. CERTIFICATION OF PUBLIC NOTICE

Mr. Garza confirmed the public notice was posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, on June 20, 2025 at 5:00 PM.

3. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

EEDC Attorney, Aaron D. Rivera, stated a conflict of interest exists if a board member or a member of that person's family has a qualifying financial interest in an agenda item. If there is a conflict of interest, the board director cannot participate in discussion or vote on the agenda item.

Director, Veronica Gonzales recused herself from any voting on item 5D.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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There was a public comment from Ronnie Larralde, Executive Director of Edinburg Chamber of Commerce, to discuss TexasCook'em.

5. SPECIAL AGENDA ITEMS

A. Consider Approval of Minutes for the Special Board Meeting held on June 09, 2025.

Subject to corrections noted by Executive Director, Raudel Garza.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVID SALAZAR AND SECONDED BY DIRECTOR SANDRA ALANIZ. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Presentation of year-to-date Financial Report ending on May 31st, 2025.

Executive Director, Raudel Garza gave a brief presentation of the EDC's total assets, increase in the sales tax, and statistics on the year-to-date financial report. No action was needed as it was only a presentation.

C. Discussion and Possible Action of Election of officers to fill vacancies. (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer)

President Aaron Rivera noted that with Raul Resendez's expired term, the board needed to fill the vacancy.

Council Member David Salazar made a motion to recommend Richard Gonzales as Vice-President, Marc Moran as Secretary, and Sandra Alaniz as

Treasurer.

**MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SECRETARY MARC MORAN.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

D. Presentation and consider approval of Contribution for UTRGV Athletics Department for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

UTRGV Athletics Director Chasse Conque and Assistant Director Seth Jones provided an update to the Edinburg EDC regarding recent departmental achievements and ongoing facility development.

UTRGV also presented a proposal to increase the EDC's annual sponsorship investment from \$25,000 to \$60,000.00 to include the addition of new football-related assets such as signage at the stadium entrance and digital ribbon boards. The current sponsorship includes signage across multiple venues and digital placements, as well as 12 season tickets and 3 parking passes. The EDC requested consideration for additional tickets to help facilitate business engagement and development opportunities, with members emphasizing the role of athletics in attracting investment and supporting Edinburg's vision as a college town. UTRGV confirmed the inclusion of a shared suite with the City of Edinburg and committed to reviewing the ticket request. The board asked UTRGV to look at how to increase ticket count and return with options.

NO ACTION TAKEN.

E. Presentation and Consider approval of Partnership with COMCE Noreste.

International Business Development Manager, Jeffrey Salcedo Cantu, gave an explanation of a proposed partnership with the Edinburg EDC and COMCE Noreste, an international business organization based in Monterrey, Mexico. The annual cost is \$5,000 plus tax. Board members discussed the initiative.

**MOTION TO APPROVE PARTNERSHIP WITH COMCE NORESTE
AT \$5,000.00 WAS MADE BY COUNCIL MEMBER DAVID
SALAZAR AND SECONDED BY DIRECTOR VERONICA
GONZALES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION

**MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION WAS MADE BY
COUNCIL MEMBER DAVID SALAZAR AND SECONDED BY
DIRECTOR SANDRA ALANIZ. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The board entered executive session at 6:10 p.m.

The EEDC board convened in executive session, in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes annotated, government code, chapter 551, subchapter D, exceptions to requirements that meetings be open, to deliberate under the following section:

- **SECTION 551.071, CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY**
- **SECTION 551.072, DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY**
- **SECTION 551.087, DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS**

The EEDC board may elect to go into executive session on any item whether or not such item is posted as an executive session item at any time during the meeting when authorized by the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act. The board will deliberate the following item:

- A. Deliberation and possible action regarding economic development negotiations (§551.087 Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations; §551.072. Deliberation Regarding Real Property; §551.071 Consultation with Attorney; Closed Meeting.)

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|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. ICSC Prospect Briefing | 5. Office Space |
| 2. Project Hanger | 6. West Campus |
| 3. Project Genesis | 7. Project Choo Choo |
| 4. Project Store | |

- B. Consultation with Attorney (§551.071. Consultation with Attorney; Closed meeting)

1. Parking Garage with Interlocal Agreement

7. OPEN SESSION

The EEDC convened in Open Session to take necessary action, in accordance with Chapter 511, Open meetings, Subchapter E, Procedures Relating to Closed Meeting §551.102, Requirement to Vote or Take Final Action in Open Meeting.

MOTION TO ENTER OPEN SESSION WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVID SALAZAR AND SECONDED BY DIRECTOR VERONICA GONZALES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The EDC board reconvened in open session at 7:02 pm.

For the record, Marc Moran had to leave during executive session, and Veronica Gonzales stepped out during discussion on Project Choo Choo.

MOTION TO PROCEED AS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON

PROJECT NUMBER “6A2. PROJECT HANGER, 6A3. PROJECT GENESIS, AND 6A4. PROJECT STORE ” WAS MADE BY COUNCILMEMBER DAVID SALAZAR AND SECONDED BY DIRECTOR VERONICA GONZALES. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to consider, the meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING WAS MADE BY DIRECTOR SANDRA ALANIZ AND SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER DAVID SALAZAR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Minutes Transcribed by:

Samantha Martinez, Business Operations Coordinator, Edinburg Economic Development Corporation

The board of directors approved the meeting minutes on _____, 2025.

EDINBURG ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION:

Marc Moran, EEDC Board Secretary



Edinburg Economic Development Corporation Meeting

Date: July 08, 2025

Consider presentation and approval of a Sponsorship for “RGV LEAD Regional Workforce Alignment and Leadership Engagement.”

1. **Agenda Item:**

Consider presentation and approval of a Sponsorship for “RGV LEAD Regional Workforce Alignment and Leadership Engagement.”

2. **Description/Scope:**

RGV LEAD is requesting an annual sponsorship to support initiatives that align education with workforce needs in the Rio Grande Valley. Sponsorship funds will help produce a biannual labor market report, support student career-readiness programs, and provide professional development for school leaders. This investment promotes long-term regional economic growth by equipping students and educators with relevant data and career-aligned opportunities.

3. **Estimated Timeline:**

2025-2026

4. **Budget:**

EEDC Sponsorship balance \$36,425.00

5. **Procurement/Selection Process:**

N/A

6. **Staff's Recommendation:**

Staff recommends approval on board discretion.

7. **Justification:**

N/A

/s/ Raudel Garza, EEDC
Executive Director

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: RGV Lead Proposal

RGV LEAD (Rio Grande Valley Linking Economic and Academic Development) Proposal for Annual Sponsorship

RGV LEAD (Rio Grande Valley Linking Economic and Academic Development)
Regional Workforce Alignment and Leadership Engagement

Overview

RGV LEAD respectfully requests an annual sponsorship from Economic Development Corporations to support critical initiatives aimed at aligning education with workforce needs across the Rio Grande Valley.

Your sponsorship will directly support:

1. The production and distribution of the Biannual Labor Market Report
2. Student programming that connects education to in-demand careers
3. Professional development and leadership convenings for district administrators and district decision-makers.

Your investment will support economic vitality by ensuring that students, educators, and community leaders have access to current, regionally relevant labor market data and collaborative learning opportunities.

Sponsorship Impact & Deliverables

\$5,000 Annual Sponsorship

Biannual Labor Market Report

RGV LEAD produces and distributes a biannual Labor Market Report for regional school districts, higher education partners, and workforce stakeholders. The report highlights in-demand occupations aligned with TEA-approved career clusters, offering valuable guidance for curriculum alignment and student advisement. Unlike other labor market reports, this resource takes an educational and career pathway approach by including: 1) job availability and annual openings, 2) entry, mean, and experienced pay scales, 3) education and training requirements, and 4) local educational institutions that offer the required programs.

EDC Recognition/Opportunities:

1. Opportunity to include EDC priorities as part of the report, showcasing to local school districts the desired areas of focus for workforce development in the EDC's service sector
2. Logo placement in the "Recognitions" section of the printed and digital report.

\$10,000 Annual Sponsorship

In addition to the \$5,000 Annual Sponsorship packet, this packet will include:

Superintendent/CTE Director/Counselor Meeting & EDC Annual Meeting

To foster stronger alignment between economic development and education, RGV LEAD will organize and facilitate an annual meeting between Superintendents, district leadership and EDC representatives.

This event provides a platform for collaboration, insight sharing, and strategic planning across sectors.

EDC Recognition:

1. Invitation to participate and/or present at the annual meeting
2. Opportunities for one-on-one connections with regional superintendents and key school leaders.
3. Logo and name recognition as a regional sponsor in all digital materials
4. Verbal recognition during event programming.

Counselor Professional Development Sessions

RGV LEAD hosts at least 2 regional counselor meetings to provide workforce updates and professional development. These meetings discuss college programming and updates, workforce alignment, student opportunities.

EDC Recognition:

1. Invitation to participate and/or present
2. Opportunities for one-on-one connections with K-12 counselors.
3. Logo and name recognition as a regional sponsor in all digital materials
4. Verbal recognition during event programming.

Regional Leadership Student Conferences

RGV LEAD hosts three regional student leadership conferences annually, convening student from across the Valley to discuss soft skills, in demand jobs and college and career readiness. These conference host between 180 and 300 students.

EDC Recognition:

1. Speaking opportunities during events
2. Logo and name recognition as a regional sponsor in all digital materials
3. Verbal recognition during event programming.

\$15,000 Annual Sponsorship

In addition to the \$10,000 Annual Sponsorship packet, this packet will include:

Specialized School Administrator & EDC Workshop/Meeting

RGV LEAD will organize, recruit, and facilitate a workshop specifically for the EDC, bringing together surrounding school districts and leadership to discuss career pathways and how EDC priorities align with district goals. This meeting will focus specifically on the sponsoring EDC's priorities.

EDC Recognition:

1. Host the event on-site
2. Provide meeting platform and agenda
3. Logo and name recognition as a regional sponsor in all digital materials
4. Verbal recognition during event programming.

Invite to Industry Council

This sponsorship will support the operations of the RGV LEAD Industry Council.

As part of their sponsorship, partners are invited to join the RGV LEAD's Industry Council—a network of local industry leaders who collaborate to guide educational and workforce initiatives. RGV LEAD, in turn, executes these initiatives across its 20 member school districts through meetings, communications, and strategic gatherings.

EDC Recognition:

1. Official membership into the RGV LEAD Industry Council
 2. Verbal recognition during event programming.
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In addition to all sponsorship packets, RGV LEAD will provide a:

Annual Sponsorship Report

As part of our commitment to transparency and partnership, RGV LEAD will provide EDC with an Annual Report summarizing key outcomes, impact metrics, and deliverables related to this sponsorship.

Summary

With your annual sponsorship, RGV LEAD will advance its mission to build strong, future-ready communities by bringing together education and industry leaders. Your support helps ensure students are not only informed about career pathways—but also prepared to thrive in the workforce of tomorrow.

We look forward to the opportunity to partner with you in this critical work and are happy to provide additional documentation, meeting opportunities, or customized deliverables as needed.



Edinburg Economic Development Corporation

Meeting Date: July 08, 2025

Consider presentation and approval of Workforce Development Training Program with South Texas College (STC).

1. Agenda Item:

Consider presentation and approval of Workforce Development Training Program with South Texas College (STC).

2. Description/Scope:

The EEDC is awarding a \$10,000 grant to South Texas College to provide workforce training for Edinburg-based businesses. Up to 80 participants will receive customized technical training through STC's CATA program. The goal is to strengthen the local workforce and meet employer needs.

3. Estimated Timeline:

The training program is expected to be conducted within the contract period, which spans from April 10, 2025, to April 30, 2026.

4. Budget:

Job Training programs line item.

Current balance: \$460,273.82

5. Procurement/Selection Process:

N/A

6. Staff's Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval.

7. Justification:

This grant supports workforce development by providing customized training to employees of Edinburg-based businesses through South Texas College. It addresses the growing demand for technical skills in industries critical to the local economy. The program helps strengthen the city's talent pipeline, supporting job retention, productivity, and business growth.

/s/ Raudel Garza, EEDC
Executive Director

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment A: EEDC & STC Contract

**STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HIDALGO
CITY OF EDINBURG**

**Grant for Job Training Program by and between
Edinburg Economic Development Corporation and South Texas College for Fire Systems of Texas,
LLC.**

This Grant for Job Training Program (the "Grant") is made, dated and entered into as of the 10th day of April, 2025, to be EFFECTIVE May 1, 2025 ("Effective Date"), by and between **THE EDINBURG ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**, a **Texas non-profit corporation** (the "EEDC") whose principal place of business is 3111 W. Freddy Gonzalez Drive, Edinburg, TX 78539, and **SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE**, a public institution of higher education organized under the laws of the State of Texas ("STC") whose principal place of business is 3201 W. Pecan Blvd., McAllen, Texas 78501.

Term of the Grant. This Grant shall be effective for the twelve (12) month period May 1, 2025 to April 30, 2026 (the "Term").

Maximum Authorized Grant Amount from EEDC Sales Tax Revenues. **TEN THOUSAND AND NO/100THS DOLLARS (\$10,000.00)** (the "Grant Amount"), allocated as follows: 85% for tuition and 15% for materials and supplies.

Section I. Background and Purpose. STC recognized early on that the majority of new jobs being created by the U.S. economy—including those in South Texas—would require skills in prominent technical fields such as science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). In response to this demand, STC created the Center for Advanced Training & Apprenticeships (CATA) to deliver customized workforce training programs for industries across Hidalgo and Starr Counties.

The primary mission of CATA is to identify, develop, and deliver high-quality training programs that support employers in upgrading the skills of their workforce. Today, CATA serves a broad range of sectors, including construction, transportation, logistics, advanced manufacturing, and other technical industries. CATA offers a diverse assortment of courses tailored to the unique needs of each employer, and since 2007, has developed over 500 customized training programs.

The long-term goal of CATA is to increase the availability of skilled talent in the Rio Grande Valley by equipping workers with industry-recognized credentials and advanced technical skills. CATA seeks to accomplish this by creating a globally competitive workforce through regional, employer-driven training systems that leverage innovative curricula and hands-on instruction—preparing individuals to succeed in a dynamic and evolving economy.

Section II. Goals of the EEDC/CATA Relationship Under this Grant. Through training programs offered by CATA, employees and trainees working for Edinburg-based companies will gain both foundational and advanced technical skills, as well as industry-recognized certifications designed to enhance their productivity, efficiency, and overall competitiveness. These efforts are intended to support both the individuals and their employers.

CATA's programs aim to increase the specialized skills of participants and better prepare them for in-demand occupations across a range of industries. While individual outcomes such as job retention, wage increases, and promotion opportunities are determined by each employer, the training provided by CATA is designed to align with the technical skillsets needed in the local labor market. Under this initiative, CATA will provide training for up to eighty (80) participants—including new and incumbent workers—employed by companies located in the City of Edinburg, supporting job creation and workforce development. Participants will gain access to multiple pathways toward high-demand career opportunities.

With extensive experience in developing and delivering workforce training programs, CATA is well-positioned to assess local business needs, create tailored training solutions, and mobilize the necessary resources for successful program delivery.

The Edinburg Economic Development Corporation (EEDC) is partnering with STC, through CATA, to design and deliver workforce training programs responsive to the skills required by employers operating—or planning to operate—within the City. Each program will target specific labor needs as identified by Edinburg-based firms seeking to invest in workforce training.

As part of this Grant initiative, STC, through CATA, will actively engage local employers to inform them of available training opportunities supported by this partnership with the EEDC. STC will identify and pursue training opportunities that align with the workforce needs of Edinburg businesses. Training agreements will be established between STC and participating employers, outlining mutual expectations, including the number of employees to be trained, the technical skills to be addressed, and the period during which training will take place.

Section III. Project Budget. In consideration of STC's agreement to perform training services under the terms and conditions outlined in this Grant, the EEDC commits to providing funds, up to the total Grant Amount, in support of the requested training program(s) for Fire Systems of Texas, LLC.

The parties agree that STC shall design and implement workforce training programs for employees and trainees of the business (Fire Systems of Texas, LLC) located within the City of Edinburg, pursuant to a written agreement between STC and each participating business (each referred to as a "Training Agreement"). Each Training Agreement will include a training budget that outlines the number of training hours, anticipated number of participants, total tuition cost, and any required materials for the program. The training cost shall be based on the STC Board-approved variable tuition rate, which enables CATA to recover program costs.

Prior to approval of any training program, each participating business must complete an employer training needs assessment form. This form will serve as a basis for determining program scope and will inform the EEDC's decision regarding funding approval. Upon approval, STC will be entitled to request compensation draws from the EEDC in accordance with the approved training budget, not to exceed the total Grant Amount.

Subject to available funding, qualifying businesses may access any existing course offerings provided by CATA or may request modifications to existing courses to better meet their operational needs. STC will make reasonable efforts to accommodate such customization requests, based on feasibility and available resources.

In the event a business is unable to enroll a minimum of twelve (12) trainees in a program, training may still proceed; however, program costs will be calculated based on cost-recovery principles to ensure sustainability.

STC will coordinate and administer the workforce training programs and provide training facilities, instructors, and equipment necessary to deliver instruction. Training may be conducted online, at STC locations, or onsite at the participating business's location, as mutually agreed upon.

Section IV. STC's Responsibilities in Connection with an Individual Training Agreement. STC shall have the following obligations in connection with any individual Training Agreement between STC and a business and shall, if requested, provide satisfactory evidence of compliance to the EEDC as a condition of this Grant:

- (a) To provide classrooms, designated laboratory spaces and other office and work facilities essential for conducting training and instruction;
- (b) To designate a coordinator or other CATA official to serve as the liaison between STC, the EEDC and the business(es) involved in a training program;
- (c) To plan, schedule, and coordinate dates, times, and duration of requested training;
- (d) To submit to EEDC all requests for training from businesses in the form of a Training Agreement. Each Training Agreement shall contain the following information:
 - 1. Name of the employer receiving training
 - 2. Employee Home Address (City Only)
 - 3. Number of participants taking the class
 - 4. Names of the participants taking the class
 - 5. Course topic
 - 6. Course description
 - 7. Course certifications if applicable
 - 8. Cost per participant
 - 9. Total course tuition cost for all participants
 - 10. Any previous trainings taken by the company
 - 11. Course schedule
 - 12. Passing rates for each class/course previously offered to the employer, if applicable
 - 13. Location of training
- (e) To submit to EEDC a report showing the completion rate for each class offered at the time that invoices are presented to EEDC for payment;
- (f) To maintain all trainee information secured and confidential.

The following are the designated authorized representatives of the parties:

STC:

Dr. Carlos L. Margo, Dean
Center for Advanced Training and Apprenticeships
South Texas College
3900 W. Military Hwy.
McAllen, Texas 78503
(956) 872-6109
Email: clmargo@southtexascollege.edu

EEDC:

Mr. Raudel Garza, Executive Director
Edinburg Economic Development Corporation
3111 W. Freddy Gonzalez Drive
Edinburg, TX 78539
Email: raudel@edinburgedc.com

Section V. Identification of Documents. All project materials, training materials, translations, reports and other documents completed by STC as a result of this Grant, shall have placed thereon by the parties the following identifying statement: South Texas College (STC-CATA), Center for Advanced Training and Apprenticeships, 3900 W. Military Hwy., McAllen, Texas 78503 and FUNDED BY the EDINBURG ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

In addition, the following disclaimer shall be provided and acknowledged by the businesses sponsoring the training:

"On behalf of [INSERT NAME OF BUSINESS RECEIVING TRAINING], I acknowledge that the Edinburg Economic Development Corporation ("EEDC") is a funding source for training but is not legally obligated to the sponsor or the trainer for the quality or standards of training. In no event will the EEDC be liable for any special, direct, indirect, consequential or incidental damages or any damages, whatsoever in an action of grant, negligence or any tort arising out of or in connection with the training services or the contents of the training services."

Section VI. No Agency: Independent Contractor Status. STC is an independent contractor. Nothing in this Grant is intended or shall be interpreted to create a joint venture or partnership between the EEDC and STC or constitute either party as the agent of the other, or to make the EEDC in any way responsible for the losses, debts, duties, obligations, responsibilities of liabilities of the STC.

Section VII. Representations of the Parties. EEDC and STC represent that this Grant has been duly approved by the governing authorities of both EEDC and STC and that the persons executing this Grant on behalf of each entity have all requisite authority to bind their respective organizations.

Section VIII. Miscellaneous.

- (a) Any and all changes to this Grant may be enacted only by written amendment or addendum properly executed by the appropriate representative of each party.
- (b) Neither party shall assign or transfer its interests in this Grant without the prior written consent of the other party.
- (c) The validity of this Grant and all matters pertaining thereto, including but not limited to matters of performance, non-performance, breach, remedies, procedures, rights, duties, and interpretation of construction shall be governed and determined by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Texas. Any claims arising under this Grant will be litigated exclusively in the federal or state courts of Hidalgo County, Texas.
- (d) Nothing in the Agreement or any conduct prior or subsequent to entering into this Grant shall be construed as a waiver of STC's or the state's sovereign immunity including any of the privileges, rights, defenses, remedies, or immunities available to STC or the State of Texas. The failure to enforce, or any delay in the enforcement of, any privileges, rights, defenses, remedies, or immunities available to STC or the State of Texas under the Grant or under applicable law shall not constitute a waiver of such privileges, rights, defenses, remedies, or immunities or be considered as a basis for estoppel.
- (e) The EEDC acknowledges that STC is obligated to strictly comply with the Public Information Act, Chapter 552, Texas Government Code, in responding to any request for public information pertaining to this Grant. STC agrees to advise the EEDC in writing of any such public information requests in accordance with the Public Information Act.
- (f) This Grant supersedes all prior grants and discussions, written or oral, between EEDC and STC and constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between the parties with respect to the subject matter of this Grant.
- (g) The parties hereto agree that they will execute such other and further instruments and documents as are or may become necessary or convenient to effectuate and carry out the terms of this Grant.
- (h) Should any portion of this Grant be judicially determined to be illegal or unenforceable, the remainder of the Grant shall continue in full force and effect, and either party may renegotiate the terms affected by the severance.
- (i) Neither party will be liable for failure or delay in performance to the extent caused by circumstances beyond its reasonable control.
- (j) The terms and conditions of the Grant that by their nature require performance by either party after the termination of this, including, without limitation, confidentiality obligations, limitations of liability, exclusions of damages, indemnification obligations, and governing law, and any other

provision or partial provision that by its nature would reasonably extend beyond the termination of this Grant, shall be and remain enforceable after such termination of this Grant for any reason whatsoever.

- (k) This Grant is made solely and specifically among and for the benefit of the parties named herein and their respective successors and assigns, and no other person shall have any right, interest, or claims hereunder or be entitled to any benefits pursuant to or on account of the Grant as a third-party beneficiary or otherwise.

[Signature page follows.]

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Grant to be executed and effective as of the Effective Date.

EEDC: EDINBURG ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

By: _____

Mr. Raudel Garza, Executive Director

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