

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

I. Collaborators

This Memorandum of Understanding is made by and between the following parties, collectively referred to as the Texas Green Corridor Collaborative.

- Alamo Community College District
- Austin Community College District
- Central Texas College
- Dallas County Community College District
- McLennan Community College District
- Temple College
- Texas State Technical College System
- Workforce Solutions-Alamo
- Workforce Solutions-Capital Area
- Workforce Solutions-Central Texas
- Workforce Solutions-Greater Dallas
- Workforce Solutions-Heart of Texas
- Workforce Solutions-North Central Texas
- Workforce Solutions-Rural Capital
- Workforce Solutions-Tarrant County
- Texas Foundation for Innovative Communities

II. Background

The IH-35 Corridor, stretching from the Dallas Metroplex to the North to San Antonio to the South is witnessing the emergence of a new economic engine built upon renewable energy and “green jobs” – often referred to as the green economy. The emergence of a green economy represents tremendous potential for economic and job growth. This mega-region is already home to a number of initiatives from energy efficiency and conservation to alternative energy power generation and distribution.

“Green jobs” offer broad appeal and have become a focal point for national, state and local policy. “Green jobs” are attractive because they offer good wages, require some level of post-secondary education and/or training, provide career paths that can help lead low-income individuals out of poverty, they cannot be off-shored, and they contribute to environmental preservation and protection.

The parties to this agreement believe that through regional communication, cooperation and collaboration a unique opportunity exists to:

- Strategically connect, align and leverage resources and efforts;
- Provide economic opportunities by providing training for good jobs with good wages;
- Respond to emerging business needs more effectively and efficiently;
- Contribute to the development of a sustained regional Green Economy; and
- Pilot and pioneer a green workforce model for others to emulate.

III. Agreement

It is the intent of this MOU to build upon the positive and cooperative relationships that already exist among the parties, including but not limited to:

- An MOU between Alamo Community College District, Austin Community College District, Central Texas College, Dallas County Community College District, Temple College, and Texas State Technical College System around the collaborative development of training curriculum and course materials related to green economy education and training.
- MOUs between the Texas Foundation for Innovative Communities and Austin Community College District and Workforce Solutions-Capital Area, under which the Foundation will serve as a bridge between the education and training community and local workforce boards and employers in clean energy industry.

The cooperative relationship intended under this agreement will require regular communication and consultation between the collaborators and the emerging green businesses of the region, as well as a coordinated and ongoing evaluation of activities, progress, and outcomes. In support of this collaborative effort, the parties agree to the following:

- Establishment of a governing structure to convene, guide, facilitate, and oversee meetings, communications, and activities of the parties.
- Participation in the joint development of regional proposals, as appropriate, to available funding sources.
- Participation in regional and statewide planning efforts.
- Enhance the robustness, relevance and effectiveness of the collaborative by:
 - i. Relying upon the Texas Foundation for Innovative Communities and its green energy Business Council to ensure that the efforts and activities of the collaborative are aligned to the needs of green energy industry sector employers;
 - ii. Soliciting input and participation from labor organizations, trade associations, utilities, community and faith-based organizations, and other relevant parties as determined appropriate;
 - iii. Connecting with and coordinating activities with the region's chambers of commerce and economic development entities.
- Routinely evaluate the effectiveness of this initiative and identify areas for improvement.

While this MOU is initially developed around the green economy, it is not necessary limited to such. As the Collaborative evolves, its activities and efforts may expand into other areas as determined appropriate by the parties involved.

IV. Effect of Agreement

This Memorandum of Understanding is not intended to confer any right upon any person or institution, nor does it authorize the expenditure or reimbursement of any funds. Each party assumes full responsibility for their respective costs associated with the implementation of this agreement.

Nothing in this MOU shall be interpreted as limiting, superseding, or otherwise affecting any party's normal operations or decisions in carrying out its statutory or regulatory responsibilities. This MOU does not limit or restrict the participating parties from participating in similar activities or agreements with other entities.

Any party to this agreement may terminate its participation at any time upon written notice to the other parties. This agreement may be terminated at anytime by mutual decision of at least one-half of the involved parties and with thirty days written notice to all parties.


This agreement may be amended only by the written agreement of all involved parties.

V. Effective Date and Duration

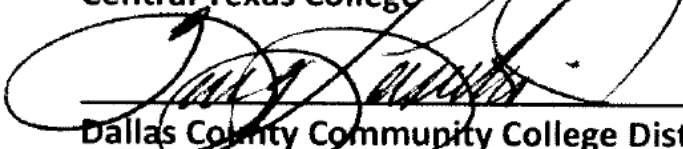
This Memorandum of Understanding shall become effective upon the date of a final signature of the undersigned parties and shall remain in effect until terminated by the parties.

VI. Signatory Authority

The undersigned, being duly authorized to enter into this agreement, hereby commit themselves and their respective institutions/organizations to the faithful performance of this MOU.




Central Texas College 09-28-09
Date



Dallas County Community College District 9/28/09
Date

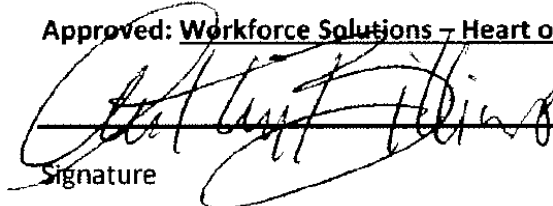


Workforce Solutions-Alamo 9/28/9
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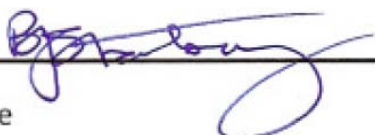
Workforce Solutions-Capital Area 9-28-09
Date

Approved: Workforce Solutions - Heart of Texas




Signature Anthony Bellings 1-22-2010
Printed Name Date


Approved: Texas Foundation for Innovative Communities

 B.J. Stanbery 22 Jan '10
Signature Printed Name Date


Approved: Workforce Solutions – Rural Capital

 James Satterwhite 1-19-2010
Signature Printed Name Date


Approved: Workforce Solutions - Central Texas

 Susan Kamas 1/26/2010
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Approved: Austin Community College District

 Stephen D. Jordan 1/26/10
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Approved: Texas State Technical College

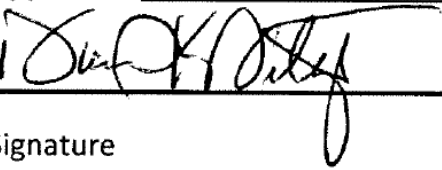
Signature  Printed Name BILL SEGURA Date 1/27/10

This signature will be added to the signatures of all other parties listed on page one of this MOU on a single document. This original signature document will be retained in the records of the Texas Foundation for Innovative Communities.

Approved: Temple College

 Glenda D. BARRON 2-01-2010
Signature Printed Name Date

Approved: Workforce Solutions – North Central Texas

 David K. Setzer 01/26/10
Signature Printed Name Date

