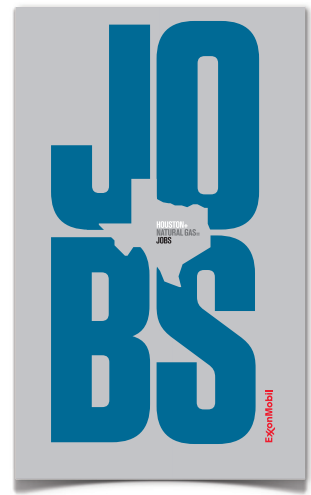


Workforce Development Grant



INDUSTRY

- Texas is the #1 chemical producing state in the U.S.
- Houston accounts for 40% of U.S. petrochemical capacity.
- The average Texas chemical industry employee makes \$86,000 a year.
- ExxonMobil Baytown is one of the largest, most complex refining and petrochemical sites in the U.S., with more than 6,000 employees and contractors.
- The U.S. chemical industry is the largest industrial consumer of natural gas for fuel, power and feedstock.
- The chemical industry has announced nearly 100 chemical and plastics projects largely in the Gulf Coast that could create 46,000 chemical industry jobs, another 264,000 supplier industry jobs, add 226,000 jobs in communities where workers spend their wages.
- ExxonMobil's Baytown expansion would create 10,000 construction jobs, 350 permanent jobs at the site, and 3,800 additional local jobs to support the expansion.

EDUCATION

- Houston-area community colleges educate more than 225,000 students annually, or about 25 percent of the students enrolled in Texas community colleges.
- Participating colleges include Lee College, Houston Community College, Lone Star College, San Jacinto Junior College, Alvin Community College, Wharton County Junior College, Brazosport College, Galveston College, and College of the Mainland.
- ExxonMobil's \$500,000 grant will help local community colleges and area school districts train more students for chemical industry jobs.
- The grant will help the schools recruit more students for fast-track technical certificates and degree programs geared to chemical industry and related jobs.
- This program is expected to benefit 50,000 students and educators over the next five years.
- Students train for jobs in process technology, instrumentation, electrical work, welding, pipe fitting, machining technology and other fields.

- Community colleges offer two-year associate degree or complete certificate programs that make graduates immediately eligible for high-paying industry jobs
- Lee College ranks fifth in the U.S. for awarding associate degrees in science and technology. Lee has educated and trained students for work in the chemical industry for 70 years.
- Houston Community College, the fourth-largest community college system in the U.S., offers process technology among its degree plans.
- Lone Star College, the largest college in the Houston area, offers associate degrees and certification in manufacturing technology.
- San Jacinto College, with three campuses in Houston, offers process technology among its degree and certificate options.

OPPORTUNITY