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## **Texas Mutual awards \$1.1M in safety education grants to 11 Texas colleges**

***\$14.1 million invested since 1999 helping colleges provide free or discounted safety training***

AUSTIN, Texas—Texas Mutual Insurance Company is awarding \$1.1 million in grants to 11 colleges across Texas to fund workplace safety and health courses for business owners, employees and the general public. Texas Mutual—the state’s leading provider of workers’ compensation insurance—began its commitment to supporting safety education at state colleges in 1999.

Over a 26-year period, Texas Mutual has awarded \$14.1 million in safety education grants, and more than 73,500 students have attended free or discounted safety and health training offered at colleges across the state.

“We are proud to continue this partnership with Texas Mutual, allowing us to provide workplace safety courses throughout our community,” said Blayne Primozych, associate vice president of workforce and continuing education at El Paso Community College. “Supporting the El Paso community by training the local workforce is a top priority for the EPCC Risk Management Institute, and we’re glad we can continue to help make El Paso businesses safer places to work.”

These Texas Mutual grants support risk management programs at Amarillo College, Angelina College in Lufkin, College of the Mainland in Texas City, Del Mar College in Corpus Christi, El Paso Community College, Kilgore College, Lamar Institute of Technology in Beaumont, Lee College in Baytown, Midland College, Odessa College, South Texas College in McAllen and Texarkana College.

Courses at these safety institutes include a range of workplace safety topics, including OSHA outreach training, CPR and first aid, and fall protection. The colleges also provide courses tailored to the primary industries in their communities such as Department of Transportation regulations and oil and gas topics.

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"Texas Mutual recognizes the essential contribution made by Texas community college partners in educating local workforces and helping to further our mission to build a stronger, safer Texas," said Eric Bourquin, vice president of safety services at Texas Mutual. "For more than two decades, our dedication to these colleges and their communities has been demonstrated through grant funding. The ongoing education of Texas employees is something we are immensely proud to invest in and support."

For more information about Texas Mutual's many safety initiatives, visit .

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### **About Texas Mutual Insurance Company**

Austin-based Texas Mutual Insurance Company, a policyholder-owned company, is the state's leading provider of workers' compensation insurance. Texas Mutual provides coverage to 41% of the market, representing over 79,000 companies, many of which are small businesses. Since 1991, the company has provided a stable, competitively priced source of workers' comp insurance for Texas employers. Helping employers prevent workplace accidents is an important part of Texas Mutual's mission.