

Project Abstract – Gulf Coast Ready to Work Initiative

1. **Lead Applicant Name:** San Jacinto Community College District (SJCCD)
2. **Lead Applicant City/State:** Pasadena, Texas
3. **Primary Partnership Entities:**
 - Other Colleges- Brazosport College, College of the Mainland, Lee College
 - Workforce Investment System
 - Business-related Nonprofit
 - Businesses
4. **Areas Served by Grant:**
 - **State** – Texas; **Counties:** Brazoria, Chambers, Galveston, Harris, Liberty; **Cities:** Lake Jackson, Texas City, Baytown, Houston, Pasadena
5. **Total Funding Requested:** \$9,294,620
6. **Project Name:** Gulf Coast Ready to Work Initiative
7. **Summary of Program Activities and List of Credentials to be Awarded:** The Gulf Coast Ready to Work Initiative targets the petrochemical sector in the Gulf Coast area to provide training to middle skills workers in demand in the industry. The project will train at least 1, 200 long-term unemployed workers (87%) and other unemployed and incumbent workers (13%). Through case management techniques it will provide wraparound services to the long-term unemployed, and professional development to faculty and project staff to deliver excellent service to project participants. It will award associate degrees, college certificates, and industry-recognized certifications to the participants.
8. **Populations to be Served:** Long-term unemployed (87%), veterans, other unemployed and incumbent workers.

9. **Targeted H-1B Industry(s)/Occupations:** Engineers of various types employed in the petrochemical industry, process operators, instrument technicians, first-level supervisors in petrochemical facilities, and other middle skills STEM occupations that use H-1B visas.
- 10 **Required Employer Partners:** All are petrochemical companies or contractors to the petrochemical industry—Bechtel, ExxonMobil, Fluor, Foster Wheeler, BMS, Mistras
- 11 **Additional Key Partners:** Gulf Coast Workforce Board/Workforce Solutions, Houston Business Roundtable (non-profit industry association for regional petrochemical industry and contractors)
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